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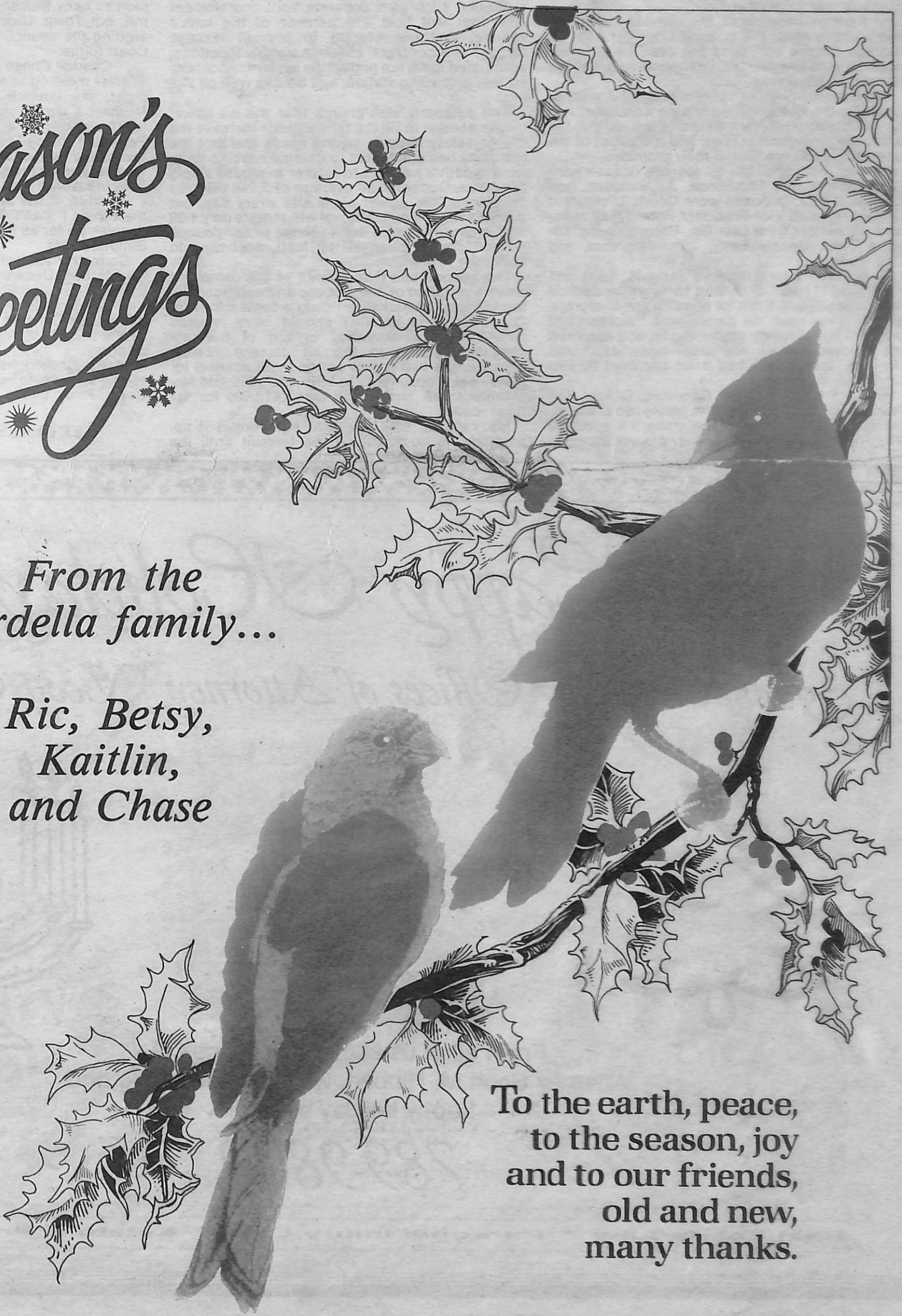
December 22, 1998



*Season's  
Greetings*

*From the  
Sardella family...*

*Ric, Betsy,  
Kaitlin,  
and Chase*



To the earth, peace,  
to the season, joy  
and to our friends,  
old and new,  
many thanks.



# Berkshire Power Sues Town Council

*Power Developers Asking Court To Overturn Oil Storage Permit Denial*

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Based on three counts in a lawsuit filed earlier this month, Berkshire Power Development, Inc., is seeking a judicial override of the Town Council decision to deny the company a license to store fuel oil as a back-up fuel supply for the \$185 million, gas-fired power plant under construction on Moylan Lane.

Berkshire Power says it needs a 500,000 gallon tank to store fuel oil as a back-up fuel source when the supply of natural gas may be diverted from industrial to residential customers on the coldest days of the year. The company has received state approval to burn fuel oil for 720 hours per year, but expects to switch to oil firing for 100 hours or less in most years.

In their civil complaint, the company is asking the court to annul the council's denial of the oil storage license and send the case back to the council with orders for the council to grant the license as requested.

On October 5th, the council voted 8-3 against granting the license after raising concerns over air pollution, oil truck transportation safety, the company's evacuation plan, and a distrust of the company's ability to fulfill their promises.

Voting in favor of the oil storage license were Councilors Nancy Thompson, Jill Simpson, and George Bitzas. Opposed were Council President Donald Rheault, Vice-President Robert Magovern, and Councilors Gina Letellier, Robert Young, Edward Caba, Dennis Perry, John Negrucci, and Gary Geiger.

Berkshire Power Attorneys Janis M. Berry and Rebecca L. Tepper of Boston contend the council had no legitimate basis for denying the oil storage permit; they said the denial was "inconsistent with the fuel strategy presented to, and approved by, numerous state and local agencies..." and that the storage tank had been approved by Fire Chief David Pisano.

Berkshire Power Chief Operating Officer Ken Roberts, Sr. commented, "I'm perplexed at the apparent inconsistency in the council's position. They just approved an above ground gasoline

storage tank and gasoline is much more volatile and explosive than fuel oil."

Further, Berkshire Power claims it was denied a fair and impartial hearing due to a conflict of interest on the part of one councilor.

## The First Count Of The Complaint...

In the first count of the complaint, Berkshire Power claims the council's action was "unreasonable, arbitrary, and capricious because it does not have a substantial basis in fact, and is not reasonably based on the evidence of record before the Board."

The company maintains the storage tank contains the most advanced safety features available, such as a concrete spill containment dike that will hold 110 percent of the tank's volume, urethane sealant to prevent leakage through the concrete, annual safety inspections, automated foam fire protection system, a contained fuel unloading station, and double wall oil piping.

The company also claims that the oil tanker trucks needed to fill the tank will not increase the fire or safety hazards on the roads and that the company has committed to using a specific route for the delivery of fuel to further minimize safety concerns. Currently, an average of 3,248 vehicles travel near the power plant site every day, but maintaining the oil tank level will require only 1.89 trucks per hour (even during times of continuous fuel oil consumption at full load, according to Berkshire Power).

The second and third counts of the complaint claim a violation of due process and conflict of interest based on Berkshire Power's contention that Councilor Gina Letellier should have recused herself from participating in any of the proceedings related to the oil storage license because she had served as the legal counsel for power plant opponents in 1995 and 1996 and Ms. Letellier's law firm is still owed \$12,000 for her legal work.

Ms. Letellier said she does not think it is appropriate to comment on the lawsuit until the

council has consulted with their attorney. But she is standing by her prior public statement denying a conflict of interest.

Previously, Ms. Letellier stated that the outstanding legal fees for her representation of the CCBA have in no way influenced her position regarding the oil storage permit application.

In a memo sent to the council prior to the vote on the storage permit, Ms. Letellier said she did not have a reasonably foreseeable financial interest in the outcome of the vote and that the debt owed by the CCBA remains unchanged whether or not the oil storage permit is granted.

Town Council is preparing to defend its decision to deny Berkshire Power an oil storage permit, but Town Attorney Thomas Locke won't be arguing the council's case in front of a Superior Court judge.

## Council Chose A Springfield Attorney...

After meeting in executive session on Monday night, the council chose Springfield Attorney Michael J. Coyne of Bacon & Wilson P.C. as their legal counsel in a 7-1 vote. Councilors Dennis Perry and Nancy Thompson were absent due to illness, and Councilor Jill Simpson excused herself from attending the closed door session (citing her vote in favor of granting the oil storage permit).

"I voted in the affirmative on the license and therefore I can't support what the majority decides as far as the lawsuit is concerned," Mrs. Simpson said.

Council President Donald M. Rheault said the town's Law Department was in agreement with the council's decision to seek outside representation in the case and that the Mayor had agreed to allow the council to tap into the \$10,000 set aside in the town budget for consultants to pay for an attorney.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he agreed to pay for outside representation with two stipulations. First, Locke will review the litigation to

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*Happy Holidays*  
*From the Law Offices of Attorney Scott Hibbert*



From all of us at the Law Offices of  
Attorney Scott M. Hibbert, we wish you a safe and  
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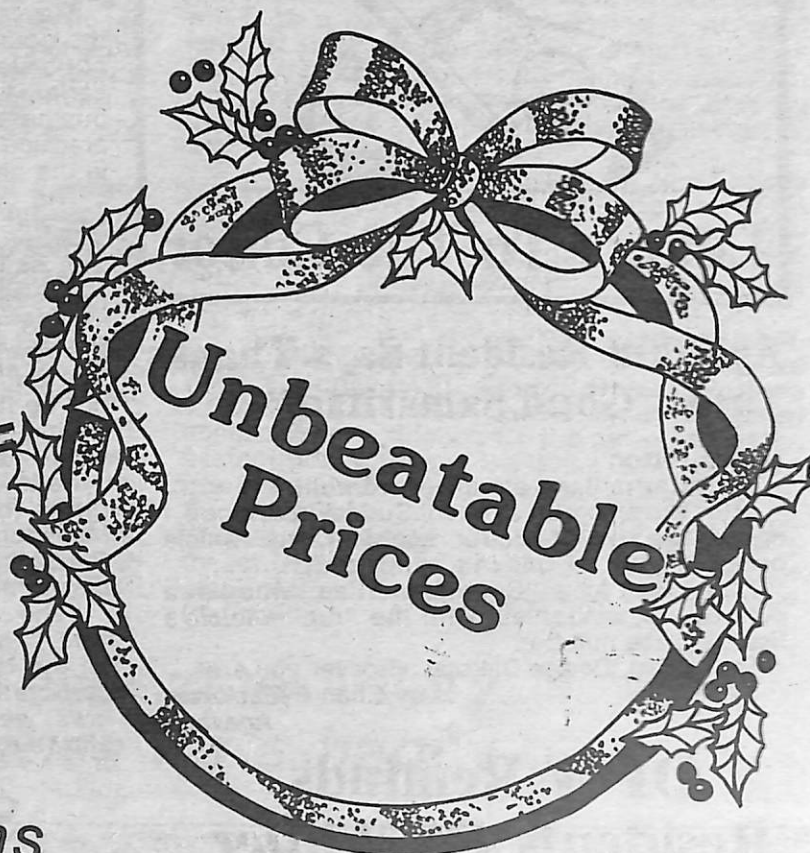
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make sure the hours are not piling up unnecessarily. Second, the attorney's fee would not be in excess of \$125 an hour. The town solicitor charges the town \$75 an hour for litigation work.

Johnson said the Law Department was willing to step aside in order to avoid being blamed in the event that Berkshire Power is successful in having the council's decision overturned in court.

"To my knowledge," Johnson said, "there is not a tremendous amount of information that justifies the denial of the oil storage license. There were no safety considerations underlying the decision and the whole project, including the oil storage tank, has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, and the Department of Telecommunications and Energy."

But, Rheault insists the council was acting within its authority in denying the license.

"I feel confident the law is on our side," Rheault said. "We are the licensing authority."



Letters To The Editor

Agawam Resident Says Thanks To A "Good Samaritan"

To The Editor:

Good Samaritans are alive and well!

After shopping on a recent Sunday afternoon, I encountered a hit-and-run accident, my vehicle being the "hit" of this in a parking lot.

Thank God for a "Good Samaritan" who left a note on my windshield with the "run" vehicle's license plate number.

Thank you, Dodge Dakota, whoever you are!

Mary Ellen Fydenkevez  
Agawam

DPW Reminds Residents Of Winter Parking Regulations

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents of the ordinances regulating on-street winter parking between November 15th and April 15th.

The Department of Public Works has been empowered to declare on-street parking bans for the purpose of snow and ice removal and tow any vehicle parked on streets in violation of these bans. Any person whose vehicle is removed is responsible for the cost of towing and storage and is subject to an additional fine in the amount of \$25.

In order for the Department to efficiently and effectively clear snow, it is important that no vehicles be parked on the streets. Parked vehicles result in ridges of snow and ice that reduces the travelled width of the roadway and endangers the public. Costly repaving is required to clear the residue. Residents should be forewarned that the Department will remove vehicles violating any parking ban.

Residents are also advised that it is their responsibility to remove snow and control ice on the sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the end of a storm.

The Department of Public Works is only empowered to plow sidewalks on major streets where children are required to walk to school.



Will Build New Compressor Building...

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Wins Exemption From Local Zoning

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Earlier this month, the State Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) granted a zoning exemption to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company for their plan to raze an existing building and construct a new building to house a new gas compressor on the same foundation at the company's Suffield Street location.

Last summer, Town Council was granted the right to intervene in the case and three Councilors, Edward Caba, Robert Magovern, and Gina Letellier, attended the evidentiary hearing in Boston to offer testimony in opposition to the request for zoning relief.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson did not join in the council's effort as intervenors, saying he did not believe it is right for the town to take an adversarial legal position against a long-standing business for following the law and for following a practice that has gone unchallenged by the town in the past.

The councilors argued that the proposed project was not reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public because the compression station was needed solely to meet the needs of the Berkshire Power plant.

Also, they introduced Berkshire Power's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) as evidence that additional compression for the plant would not be needed and the councilors argued that a zoning exemption would violate the town's Home Rule Charter.

As intervenors in the case, the council has the right to appeal the DTE decision to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, but Council President Donald Rheault said the council will not exercise its right of appeal.

"The decision didn't surprise me," Rheault said. "There is considerable case law in existence on the issue. Tennessee Gas is a public service corporation and although this usurps our zoning laws, we would need a change in state law (that allows exemptions)."

In their Analysis and Findings in the case, the DTE commissioners found:

- State law conflicts with the council's assertion that granting the exemption would violate the Home Rule Charter.
- The company's proposed project requires the exemptions from the town's zoning ordinance.
- The compression facility is needed to supply Berkshire Power's generation facility.
- The project will provide a public benefit by contributing to a necessary energy supply for the Commonwealth.

**Two Notices Of Project Change...**

Furthermore, the DTE ruling points out that while Berkshire Power's DEIR indicated "at an early stage" of the permitting process that the power plant would not require additional compression, two notices of project change have since been filed with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. DTE commissioners relied on the updated information to evaluate the need for the compressor station.

At a public hearing held at the Middle School in June, Tennessee Gas representatives said the company routinely chooses to go through the state permitting process, rather than go through local town boards, as a business decision based on cost, convenience to the company, and the expectation of being held to standards that are consistent across the state.

Twice before, the company sought and received zoning exemptions from the state with no objections from Town Council.

The company will replace a building constructed of asbestos material with a structural steel, sound-insulated building to house a new gas compression unit necessary to supply natural gas to the Berkshire Power plant under construction on Moylan Lane. The new Tennessee Gas building will be basically the same size as the old building and will be constructed on the same foundation.

State Rep. Keenan's Office Has Booklet Dealing With Issues Affecting The Elderly


All elders interested in planning for their future should contact Rep. Dan Keenan's district office to obtain a complimentary copy of "A Guide for Elders: Planning That Protects You and Your Assets."

The guide is a user friendly "how to" booklet that will give practical advice on how the legal and social services systems work in

Massachusetts. It discusses such subjects as wills, powers of attorney, health care proxy forms, nursing home considerations, and consumer complaints.

To request your copy of "A Guide for Elders: Planning That Protects You and Your Assets," contact Rep. Keenan's district office at (413) 786-4545.

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# Neighbors And Power Plant Foes Oppose Western Mass. Electric Co. Substation

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) postponed making a decision on a request from Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) for a special permit to build a switching substation near the Berkshire Power plant at their meeting last Thursday night.

The 115v interconnection substation will include space for a 24 by 40 foot relay and control enclosure, as well as switching devices, current-limiting reactors, voltage sensing devices, surge arrester, electrical bus, supporting steel structures and foundations, and interconnecting control cables and conduits.

Two existing transmission towers will be removed and nine new 70 foot towers with 10 foot lightning poles will be erected. To accommodate transmission lines between existing and proposed towers, trees will be cleared to within 40 feet on both sides of the transmission lines.

With the unanimous consent of the board, Acting Chairman Larry Hoague continued the public hearing to Thursday, January 14th, at 6:30 at the Middle School.

"We need to get more information and we need time to evaluate what we've been given here tonight," Hoague said.

After hearing from WMECO representatives on the merits of the project, the three-member board and an alternate member listened to neighbors and power plant opponents plead their case against allowing construction of the substation that will interconnect the Berkshire Power plant with the northeast transmission grid.

CCBA spokesman Karl Stieg said, "The neighborhood has fought arm and tooth against this. We have to consider the betterment of the neighborhood and the quality of life. I'm always hearing about the betterment of the Commonwealth, but 99.9 percent of the Com-

monwealth doesn't live near it."

An attorney representing the neighboring Five Star Bus Company said the nuisance of the sight of a substation will make a "bad situation worse."

Several opponents of the project, including Town Councilor Edward Caba, based their opposition to the substation on their dislike of the Berkshire Power Project. But, Hoague said the board must treat the two projects separately.

"I don't want to commingle the two projects. WMECO is not here on behalf of Berkshire Power. We're trying to hear this case for the best interest of the town," Hoague said.

Engineer Bob Charpentier said WMECO had purchased land on Moylan Lane in the 1960's and 1970's with the intention of one day erecting a substation on the site. He said the construction of the Berkshire Power Plant was not causing the need for the station. The substation will benefit the transmission grid due to enhancements that will maintain better power flow through the system, Charpentier said.

"In our minds, it was inevitable that a substation would be required in this area, but we probably wouldn't be putting it in today without Berkshire Power," Charpentier said.

## Second Time For Public Hearing...

It was the second time the board has held a public hearing on the substation. Hoague said a second public hearing was called because some of the neighbors of the project site had not been properly notified of the first hearing.

At the ZBA's request (for the second hearing), WMECO included an expert consultant on the eastern box turtle in their presentation after opponents raised concerns at the first hearing about the effect the substation would have on a population of turtles and their habitat on the WMECO property.

The proposed two-acre substation will be located on five acres on the Berkshire Power site. It will be deeded over to WMECO by Berkshire Power as part of a plan to avoid impacting the wetlands and at the same time provide a 25-acre parcel as habitat for the turtles.

The discovery of a population of eastern box turtles on the WMECO property adjacent to the Berkshire Power site prevented the utility from using their own property for the substation (as planned). Rather, the facility will be built on five acres of the Berkshire Power site that had previously been set aside to offset agricultural acreage lost to the power plant.

UMass herpetologist Alan Richmond, an expert on reptiles and amphibians, said the box turtles will have a net benefit from having 25 acres of land set aside as turtle habitat and that any possible detriment from electromagnetic radiation from the transmission towers would be offset by the creation of a foraging habitat by the right of way of the towers.

Richmond said the box turtles are an especially long-lived species and that the oldest turtle on record is 138 years-old. "The turtles there today are probably the same turtles who were here before the (existing) transmission lines and the sub-division," Richmond said.

In a complicated deal worked out between Northeast Utilities and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Northeast Utilities will set aside 25 acres on Moylan Lane to be placed under permanent conservation restriction for the protection of the eastern box turtle and Berkshire Power will turn over the agricultural offset acreage to WMECO for the substation.

To replace the agricultural offset acreage, Northeast Utilities will set aside an additional five acres of their 126-acre property for agricultural offset acreage.

*The staff of The AAN wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year...*

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## Veterans' Corner...

## Veterans' Administration Is Ready For Y2K

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

The VA has reported to the Office of Management and Budget that 99.7 percent of its mission-critical computer software applications have been renovated to be Year 2000-compliant, including all payment-related applications and applications supporting health care, according to Mr. Harold F. Gracey, acting assistant secretary for information and technology.

All regular recurring benefit payments such as compensation and pension, most education programs, vocational rehabilitation, restored Entitlement Program for Survivors, and those for Vietnam veterans' children with Spinal Bifida, will be posted to beneficiaries' accounts and be available on the morning of December 30, 1999.

#### FATHER'S NAME TO BE ADDED TO "THE WALL" WITH SON'S

When we think of veterans and the sacrifices they made to keep this country free, this of this article from this week's *Stars and Stripes*:

The names of the only U.S. father and son killed in the Vietnam War will soon appear together on the stark granite Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington. The name of Air Force Tech. Sgt. Richard B. Fitzgibbon, Jr. of Stoneham, MA, will soon be carved on the memorial near that of his son, Marine Lance Cpl. Richard Fitzgibbon III, whose name is already there.

The Pentagon said last month that the father's name was being added because of a recent change in the time limit for officially recognizing casualties of the long conflict in Southeast Asia. Richard Fitzgibbon, Jr. died in Vietnam on June 8, 1956, and his son more than nine years later on September 7, 1965.

Previously, the earliest date listed in the "Southeast Asia Casualty Database" was January 1, 1961. But, at the request of the Air Force, that date was pushed back to November 1, 1955, so the father could be included and his name placed on the memorial.

The Pentagon said the two men were the only

known father and son killed in action while serving in the U.S. military during the Vietnam War.

This week, as we continue publishing our list of Agawam Vietnam War veterans whose last names begin with the letter "C" who will have their names included on our Honor Roll, let us ponder the words of one of our country's greatest presidents, Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy... forget in time that men died to win them."

When the Honor Roll is constructed, our Veterans' Memorial Garden will be completed. The community of Agawam can then rest assured that the above quote could never apply to us.

#### AGAWAM VIETNAM VETERANS — "C"

Edward A. Caba, Jr., Robert G. Cahill, James W. Call, Andrew A. Calverley, Raymond J. Cammisa, Elbert A. Camyre, Harold A. Camyre, Jr., Thomas J. Canata, Wesley J. Cannarella, Francis E. Capitanio, John A. Caroon, Norman M. Caron, Jr., Richard W. Caron, George W. Carr, Ronald L. Carroll, Jr., Robert A. Carver, Michael L. Cassidy, Joseph L. Cavanaugh.

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(\* Died while in service.)

## Fire Wise...

by Philip Chief David Pisano  
Make Sure You Have Two Ways Out In The Event Of A Fire In Your Home

Fire! In your home? No, you think. But, what if it did? Would you and your family know what to do? Would they react safely?

In 1987, the year for which the most current statistics are available, 4,660 deaths occurred in residences in the United States.

The primary problem surrounding this high home fire death rate is the belief by individuals that they won't have an accidental fire, so they aren't prepared when a fire occurs and react improperly when a fire does occur. Family members should plan ahead by taking the following actions in the event their homes are stricken by a fire:

- Install and maintain smoke detector; at least one on each level, and one outside each bedroom area.

- Every occupant should know two ways out of each bedroom: a primary exit (usually the door) and a secondary exit (the window, should the doorway be blocked).

- For primary exits, make sure everyone knows to crawl out on their hands and knees below the smoke. Placing a cloth over their nose and mouth may also reduce smoke inhalation.

- Some family members may need assistance escaping, such as infants, small children, and the elderly. Assign "helpers" in advance so that, in the event of a fire, everyone will know what is expected of them.

- For secondary and third-story window escapes, install folding escape ladders. They may be stored in a box by the window for quick access.

- Determine an outside meeting place. Make sure everyone is familiar with its designation.

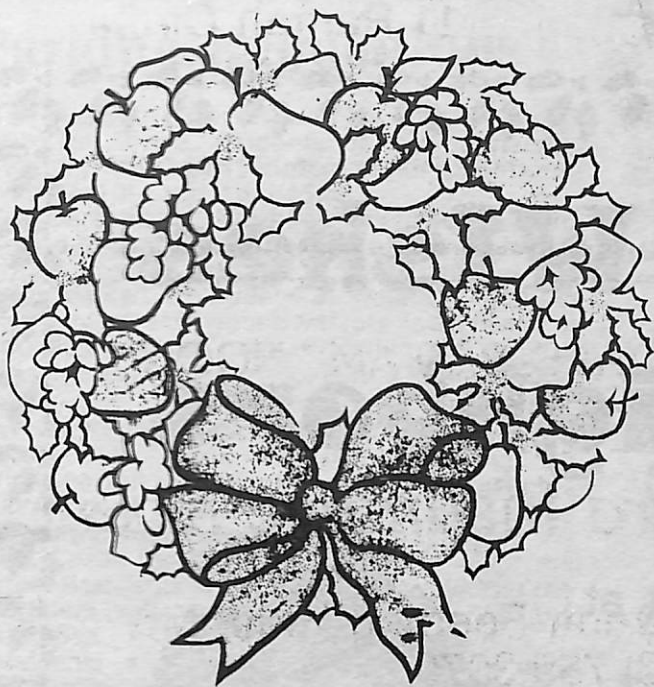
- Most important — practice the plan! Not only during the day, but also at night. Time the evacuation and evaluate your home fire escape plan. Don't wait until a fire occurs to find out that a window is stuck shut.

- Make sure everyone knows not to attempt to extinguish the fire or grab valuables.

- Once all family members are outside at the designated meeting place, if possible, an adult should go to a neighbor's house to telephone the fire department. Memorize your fire department's emergency telephone number — 911 — and have it posted on your phone and the neighbor's phone.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2832.

Ruth C. Bitzas' "Veterans' Corner" is a regular feature of the Advertiser News.



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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Ernest H. Blair, Jr.

Ernest H. Blair, Jr., 73, of Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

Prior to retirement, he served as business agent for the International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators & Asbestos Workers, Local 43. Previously, he was financial secretary for Local 43, while serving as vice president of the Pioneer Valley Central Labor Council for the AFL-CIO. He was involved with Partners Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

Born in West Springfield, he was a lifelong resident here. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, a member of the West Springfield/Agawam Lodge of the Elks, and a life member of the West Springfield Fish & Game Club.

He was a World War II Army veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632 and the American Legion Post 185.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, the former Gail Knowlton; a daughter, Michele Blair Voislow of Feeding Hills; a brother, Eugene, and a sister, Viola Massola, also of Feeding Hills; a grandson; and two stepgrandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102, or to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Emily M. Larese

Emily M. (Chiaro) Larese, 56, of 220 Line Street, Agawam, died recently at Manchester Memorial Hospital in Manchester, CT.

She worked as an administrative assistant at Hamilton Standard for 15 years.

Born in Springfield, she lived most of her life in Agawam.

She was a graduate of Dale Carnegie and received the highest award for achievement.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

She was active in the United Way Community Outreach Program, a member of the ergonomic and safety culture teams at Hamilton Standard, and was a volunteer at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

She leaves her husband, John A. Larese, and a friend, Virginia Gruska of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### Marie P. Vecchiarelli

Marie P. (LaBelle) Vecchiarelli, 67, of Kellogg Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a former day-care provider.

Born in Springfield, she previously lived in the Hungry Hill section of the city before moving to Feeding Hills in 1966.

She was a long-time communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of its Rosary and Altar Societies.

She was a former member of the Gridiron Moms.

Her husband, Philip A. Vecchiarelli, died in October.

She leaves five sons, Domenic of Chicopee, Philip of Feeding Hills, and Dean, David, and Peter, all of Agawam; two sisters, Betty Leger and Theresa Ericksberg, both of Belchertown; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

### Inez F. Stoddard

Inez F. (Squazza) Stoddard, 85, formerly of Main Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She worked for Buxton's in Agawam for 15 years, retiring in 1978.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam for most of her life.

She was a member of the Agawam Garden Club.

Her husband, Ernest R. Stoddard, died in 1968. She leaves two sons, Robert H. and Alfred W.,

both of Agawam; a sister, Dewey Marr of Agawam; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, followed by burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

### Ulyses L. Gaudreau

Ulyses L. Gaudreau, 82, of 125 Florida Drive, Agawam, died recently at Holyoke Hospital.

He was a 14-year employee of Advanced Manufacturing in Westfield and retired in 1982.

Born in West Warwick, Rhode Island, he lived in Agawam since 1957.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and was known for making wooden toys.

His first wife, the former Anita L. Touchette,

died in 1975.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary (Lafskina) Picard Gaudreau; a son, Richard L. of Agawam; a stepson, Louis J. Picard, Jr. of Belchertown; two stepdaughters, Barbara Slate of Southwick and Betty Stebbins of Springfield; a brother, Alpha, and a sister, Jeannette Gaudreau, both of Willimantic, CT; 19 stepgrandchildren; and 34 stepgreat-grandchildren.

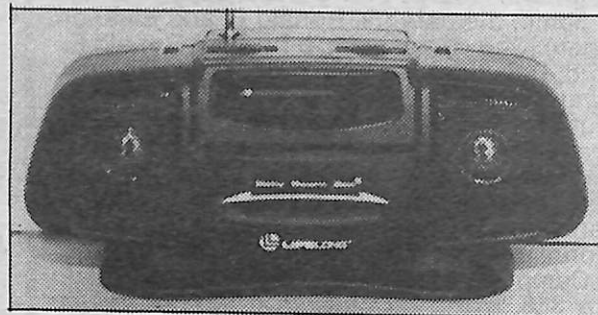
The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

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## OBITUARIES - from Page 7...

**Karl H. King**

Karl H. King, 48, of 52 Deering Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

He was a software technician for Vanstar in Rocky Hill, CT.

He was also a member of the Massachusetts and Connecticut National Guard for 27 years, attaining the rank of master sergeant and serving as base photographer.

He served in the 103rd Command Flight of the Bradley Air National Guard at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, and was recently assigned to the state head as an information specialist.

He also received the Air Force Commendation medal and the Outstanding Unit award.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong resident of Agawam.

He was a 1968 graduate of Agawam High School and received a bachelor's degree in teaching from Westfield State College.

He did photography for sporting events in Agawam, and was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Cynthia M. Fern; two daughters, Hilary F. King and Ashley A. King, both at home; his parents, Ronald E. and Eleanor M. (Jensen) King of Agawam; a brother, Ronald E. of Milford, Delaware; and a sister, Jan M. Nooney of Agawam.

The funeral was scheduled for Wednesday morning, December 23rd, at the church, and burial with full military honors will be in Agawam Center Cemetery. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barton Center Camp for Diabetic Girls, 30 Ennis Road, P.O. Box 356, North Oxford, MA 01537, or to the King Children Trust Fund, c/o Westfield Savings Bank, 655 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

**Albin Popko**

Albin Popko, 74, of 49 Stewart Lane, Agawam, died Monday, December 21st, at home.

He worked for Central Chevrolet of West Springfield for 30 years and at Suburban Chevrolet in Southwick for three years.

Born in Hatfield, He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He lived in Agawam for 39 years.

He leaves his wife, the former Helen Zych; two daughter, Eleanor Jean of Feeding Hills and Susan Popko of Agawam; a brother, Walter of Hatfield; a sister, Albina Sielski of South Deerfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday morning, December 24th, at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery. Calling hours are scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, December 23rd.

**Isabel E. Humphries**

Isabel E. Humphries, infant daughter of Owen J. and Gina M. (Dialezzi) Humphries, Jr., of Longmeadow, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Besides her parents, she leaves her maternal grandparents, Robert and Lynn Dialezzi of Agawam; paternal grandmother, Pauline Humphries of Agawam; and great-grandparents, Evelyn Dialezzi of Springfield, Evan Evans of Windsor, CT, and Elvira Mercolino of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and Saint Mary's Church, Longmeadow, with burial in Saint Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

## Keenan's Office Has Energy Information

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to provide Citizens Energy Corporation 1998 Guide to Fuel Assistance, Healthcare Resources, and Energy Information to assist members of the community who need help meeting their most essential needs.

This brochure contains information about the State Fuel Assistance Program (and its new High Energy Pilot Program), utility rights and discounts, and oil buying groups. Also included in the brochure is a section to inform readers about healthcare resources, including the Senior Pharmacy Program, the MassHealth Program, and/or Children's Medical Security Plan.

To obtain a brochure with information to help families prepare for this winter and the new year ahead, please call Rep. Keenan's district office at (413) 786-4545.

# TOWN OF AGAWAM SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ROUTES CHANGING

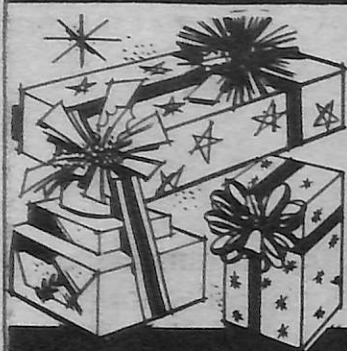
The Dept. of Public Works wishes to advise residents that commencing January 1, 1999, the routes and collection days for the curbside collection of solid waste and recyclables is changing for certain streets throughout the community. The housing growth experienced over the years has caused the number of stops on various routes to become unbalanced. This unequal work load means some routes may not be completed on the scheduled day while others may be completed early. These changes will balance the routes and improve the reliability of collection services. The impacted streets or portions thereof are as follows:

Street	Old Route & Day	New Route & Day	1st Pickup In 1999
Belmont Ave.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Belvedere Ave.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Brookline Ave.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Brookside Ave.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Calico Lane	5 - Mon.	7 - Wed.	Jan. 13
Cambridge St.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Candlewood Dr.	5 - Mon.	7 - Wed.	Jan. 13
Center St.	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Columbia Dr.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Cynthia Pl.	4 - Thurs.	3 - Wed.	Jan. 6
Doloris Lane	5 - Mon.	7 - Wed.	Jan. 13
Edgewater Rd.	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Edgewood Lane	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Family Lane	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Fordham Ave.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Granger Dr.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Gunn Geary Lane	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Kanawha Ave.	6 - Tues.	8 - Thurs.	Jan. 14
Karen Lynn Cir.	4 - Thurs.	3 - Wed.	Jan. 6
Lakeview Cir.	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Liquori Dr.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Main St. (River Rd. to CT Line)	6 - Tues.	8 - Thurs.	Jan. 14
Mill St. (Perry Ln to Cooper St.)	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Morningside Cir.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
North West St.	4 - Thurs.	3 - Wed.	Jan. 6
Northwood St.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Pembroke Lane	5 - Mon.	7 - Wed.	Jan. 13
Perry Lane	5 - Mon.	7 - Wed.	Jan. 13
Peterson Cir.	4 - Thurs.	3 - Wed.	Jan. 6
Red Oak Cir.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Riverview Ave.	6 - Tues.	8 - Thurs.	Jan. 14
Ruskin Ave.	6 - Tues.	8 - Thurs.	Jan. 14
Silver Lake Dr.	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Silver St. (Elm St. to Suffield St.)	5 - Mon.	7 - Wed.	Jan. 13
Springfield St. (Mill to F.H. Cen.)	1 - Mon.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Suffield St. (Main St. to Silver St.)	5 - Mon.	7 - Wed.	Jan. 13
Suffield St. (Silver St. to CT Line)	5 - Mon.	6 - Tues.	Jan. 12
Sunnyslope Ave.	6 - Tues.	8 - Thurs.	Jan. 14
Vassar Rd.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Veranda Ave.	6 - Tues.	8 - Thurs.	Jan. 14
White Oaks Dr.	3 - Wed.	5 - Mon.	Jan. 11
Woodcliff Ave.	6 - Tues.	8 - Thurs.	Jan. 14

New route schedules and collection regulations for 1999 are available in the Dept. of Public Works Office in the Town Hall at 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. The 1999 Route Schedule and regulations are being mailed with water bills. Residents who wish to obtain a schedule at an earlier date may request same by mail including a self-addressed and stamped return envelope to the D.P.W. office.



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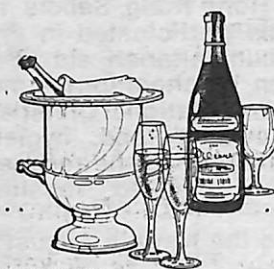
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**Absolut Vodka (1.75 Ltr.) - \$21.99**
**Popov Vodka (1.75 Ltr.) - \$11.49**

**Phipps Vodka (1.75 Ltr.) - \$9.49**
**J & B Scotch (1.75 Ltr.) - \$28.99**
**Chivas Regal (750 ml.) - \$21.99**
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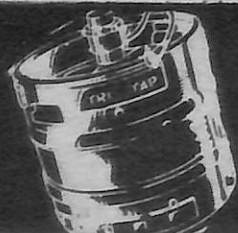
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## Families

### Navy Fireman Joseph Diabo Completes Six-Month Deployment

Navy Fireman Joseph M. Diabo, son of Pat Sidusky of 17 Amherst Ave., Feeding Hills, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Diabo was one of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship, which returned to its home port of Everett, Washington, after leading the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group. The battle group was comprised of 10 tactical air squadrons, five surface combatants, and two submarines.

While deployed in the Arabian Gulf, Diabo's ship aided multinational interception operations in prohibiting contraband transports to and from Iraq. In addition, planes from the embarked air wing flew 1,855 missions during Operation Southern Watch to support sanctions imposed by the U.N. against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

During the deployment, Diabo and crew members had the opportunity to visit Hong Kong, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates.

While in Hong Kong, Sailors and Marines from Diabo's ship participated in Project Handclasp providing humanitarian aid to a disaster relief organization, a school for the mentally handicapped and an international Christian school. In addition to providing food, hygienic items, toys, books, and paper to the recipients, members of Diabo's ship cleaned, repaired, and painted buildings.

He joined the Navy in August 1997.

### Chap. 1 Golden Agers Hold Christmas Party



THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB, CHAPTER 1, held its annual Christmas party on December 9th at Chez Josef. Entertainment was provided by the Senior Center Melody Band, with Chapter 1 members singing along with the Christmas carols. From left to right: Filomena Alfano, Mary Cavallon, Helen Skiba, Tom Zambrano, Lucille Harpin, and Dorothy Wright.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, December 28th:** Minestrone soup, pizza (pepperoni), cheese, hamburger, tossed salad, pears.

**Tuesday, December 29th:** Baked chicken legs, sweet potatoes, peas, mushrooms, whole wheat bread, peaches, cake.

**Wednesday, December 30th:** Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potato, green beans, oatmeal bread, baked custard.

**Thursday, December 31st:** Baked fish, rice Pilaf, cole slaw, rye bread, pears & peaches mix.

**Friday, January 1st:** New Year's Day (Senior Center closed).

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

\* For the January 7th-11th menus, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Jeannette Dore, Christmas party chairman Ed Organeck (who was assisted by Nellie Organeck), and Jan Riberdy. IN RIGHT PHOTO: back row - Thelma Coughlin and Helen Rogers; front row - Ernestine Book, Cecilia Rebecchi, Eva DeGrandere, and Mary DelNegro. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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IN LEFT PHOTO: Pam Elrod (Genesis ElderCare Vice-President), Nancy Harper (Heritage Woods Administrator), Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux, and Susan Berta (Region I Eden Alternative Coordinator). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas, Dr. Vince Barnaba, Nancy Harper, State Representative Daniel Keenan, and Susan Berta. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Heritage Woods Designated As An Official "Eden Alternative" Site

Heritage Woods, an Assisted Living Community that is a member of the Genesis ElderCare Network, was recently designated as an official Eden Alternative site. Heritage Woods is the first Assisted Living Community in the continental United States to receive such a distinction.

The Eden Alternative is a philosophy of managing health care centers that works to eliminate loneliness, helplessness, and boredom in the

elderly by integrating plants, animals, children, music, and other varied activities into daily operations.

Centers that wish to adopt The Eden Alternative must go through an application process that includes meeting certain criteria. The Eden Alternative Registry is an honor society for such health care centers that meet those standards. Currently, there are 60 registered sites.

On December 1st, Nancy Harper, Administrator

and the staff and customers of Heritage Woods were presented with an Eden tree, a beautiful handmade wooden plaque that chronicles the Center's progress in implementing The Eden Alternative.

Susan Berta, Region I Eden Alternative Coordinator, made the presentation. Representative Daniel Keenan and several town dignitaries were also present.

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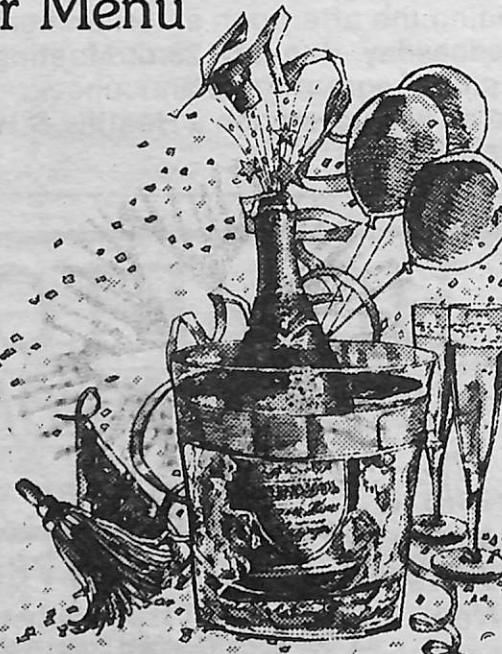
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## Garden Club Helps Decorate Storowton Village...



**EARLIER THIS MONTH**, members of the Agawam Garden Club generously gave of their time to help decorate Storowton Village Museum's Potter Mansion Kitchen for "Yuletide at Storowton," which was held on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition on December 5th and 6th. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Barb Ouimet and Philomena O'Connor. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Barb Pemberton, Alice Stein, and Barb Schaedler. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### New Year's Eve Party At American Legion

The American Legion Post 185 and the Auxiliary will host a New Year's Eve Party at the Post, 478 Springfield Street in Agawam, on Thursday, December 31st.

Social hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m. includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. A sit-down dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. Dinner choice of entree is prime rib of beef or baked stuffed shrimp. Dance to the music of a "live" four-piece band featuring "oldies-to-modern" music.

Free champagne and party favors at midnight. Raffle also included. Tickets are available at the Post or please call 786-4806. Cost is \$25 per person.

Tables for groups can be reserved. Deadline for purchasing tickets is December 28th. Welcome in the New Year by joining us for dinner and dancing. All proceeds to benefit Agawam charities and scholarships.

### Ag. Golden Age Club's Chapter 1 Events For January 1999

**Friday, January 8th:** Board of Directors' Meeting at the Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 13th:** Special New Year's Meeting, 1:30 p.m. w/Annie Fogg providing the afternoon entertainment.

**Wednesday, January 23rd:** Meeting at 1:30 p.m. Program to be announced.

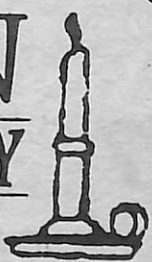
We all wish everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year!



**KATHY NORRIS AND JOE DUBIEL** "decked the halls" (or, rather, the fireplace of the Potter Mansion Kitchen) with garland prior to the festive "Yuletide at Storowton." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**REMEMBER, WE DO NOT PUBLISH BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S.** Our next edition will be published on Thursday, January 7th, and the deadline is Tuesday, January 5th, at 12:00 noon.

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## Navy Petty Officer David Schwartz Is Now In The Mediterranean

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class David I. Schwartz, son of Melvin A. Schwartz of 22 Federal St., Agawam, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Schwartz's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

Schwartz is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines departing their homes and bases aboard the ships of the USS Enterprise Battle Group and USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). The battle group and ARG are comprised of 10 surface combatants, two submarines, 10 aircraft squadrons, and a Marine Expeditionary Unit.

During the deployment, Schwartz's ship will defend U.S. policy and support international interests in the Middle East and Europe.

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The 1981 graduate of Cromwell High School of Cromwell, Connecticut, joined the Navy in February 1984.

## Heritage Hall Seniors Love All That Jazz...



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam High School Jazz Band recently entertained the residents of Heritage Hall's East Building. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## The Coffey Family Announces Birth Of Son, Alex Edmund

Brian P. & Patricia A. (Landry) Coffey, 9 Theodore St., Enfield, CT, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Alex Edmund, on November 24, 1998 at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, CT.

Maternal grandparents are Ed & Jean Landry of 24 Campbell Drive, Agawam, and paternal grandparents are David M. Coffey of Roosevelt Ave., Feeding Hills and Jo-Anne Benjamin of School St., Springfield.

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*Although we do not publish between Christmas and New Year's, you can still drop off articles for our next issue (January 7th).*

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## Tracey Lee Landon Weds Kevin Chrisanthopoulos

Tracey Lee Landon and Kevin Chrisanthopoulos exchanged marriage vows on July 31, 1998 at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. The Reverend George Farland officiated the 4:00 p.m. ceremony. The couple greeted guests at a reception at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Marcia Landon of 250 Dewey Street, West Springfield. The groom is the son of George and Betty Chrisanthopoulos of 51 Debra Lane, Agawam.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her sister, Tammy Landon, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Joelle Camp, cousin of the bride, Deena Jarosz, Shelli Johnson, Stephanie Nicoli, and Kristen Desrosiers. Katie Oliver, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Lee Chrisanthopoulos served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Brett Gearing, Douglas Perry, Christopher McElligott, Kevin Fleury, and Bob Peloquin. Matthew Kelly, cousin of the groom, and Jonathan Camp, cousin of the bride, were ring bearers.

Mrs. Chrisanthopoulos attended Westfield State College and STCC. She is a paralegal for D'Oliviera & Morgan in Fall River, MA.

Mr. Chrisanthopoulos attended Western New England College. He is currently pursuing a law degree at Roger Williams University School of Law.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now reside in Middletown, Rhode Island.

## New Year's Eve Dinner Scheduled At Agawam Senior Ctr.

The Agawam Senior Center will host a New Year's Eve Dinner on December 31st at 5:30 p.m. (In the event of inclement weather (snow storm), January 8, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.)

Dinner will include prime rib, baked potato, salad, roll, French apple square, and coffee.

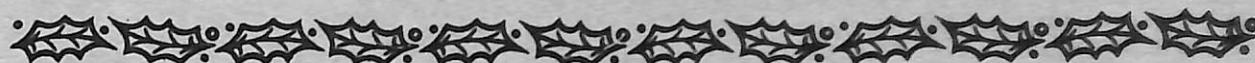
Cost is \$11 per person. Advance ticket sales required.

Call 786-0400, ext. 242 or 243 for more information.

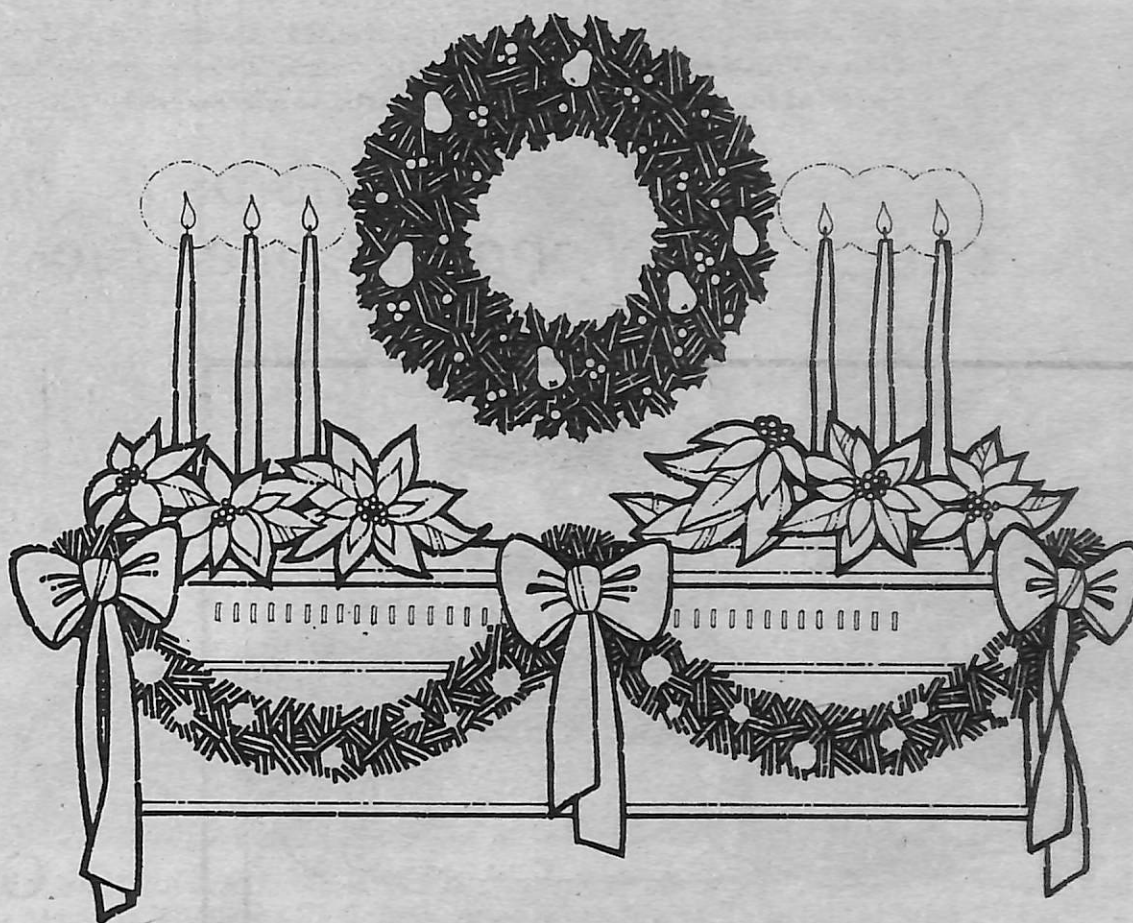
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*The staff of The AAN wishes everyone best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year...*

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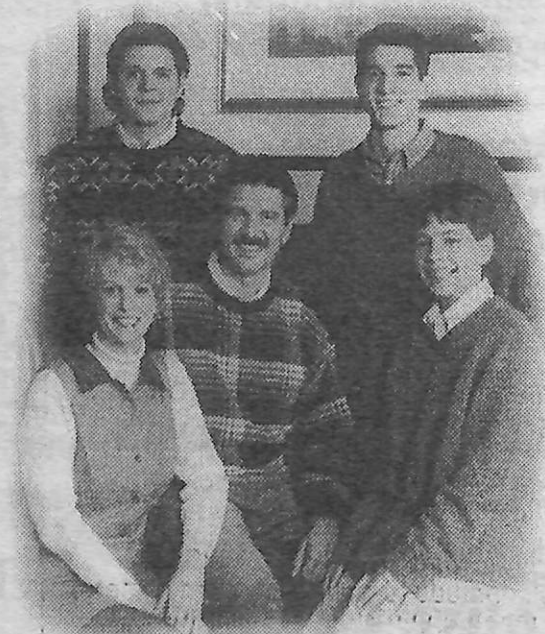
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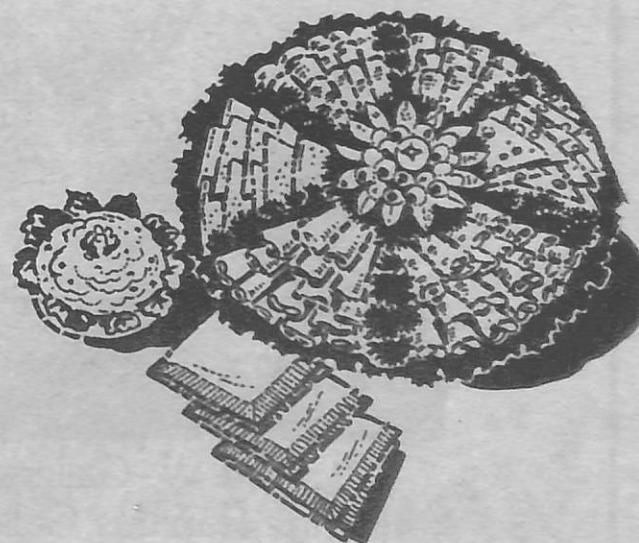
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DARCY DAVIS (left), director of the Memory Lane Chorus, presents a check to William Miller, assistant treasurer of the Agawam Historical Museum. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Memory Lane Chorus Donates To Fire Museum

Darcy Davis, director of the Memory Lane Chorus of the Senior Center, recently presented a check for the Agawam Historical and Fire Museum restoration fund to William Miller, assistant treasurer of the Agawam Historical Association.

Proceeds from the recent "Memories of Broadway" concert at the Agawam Junior High School were designated to several local organizations.

The Agawam Historical Association, through the generosity of many local civic organizations and businesses, is very close to its projected goal.



AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER, Jim Loomis (left) of the Agawam Lions Club presents a plaque to Angelo Pumbo, Vice-President of the Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Senior Games Athletes Honored By Lions Club

On Thursday, December 17th, the Agawam Lions Club honored the Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) with a presentation of a plaque. Jim Loomis of the Lions Club presented the plaque to Angelo Pumbo, Vice-President of ASGA.

The Lions Club and the athletes have developed a very close relationship over the years, helping each other whenever the occasion arises. The Lions honored the athletes for assisting at the Lions Den during The Big E, and the athletes were highly touched by the thought behind the plaque.

The plaque will hang on the cafeteria wall at the Agawam Senior Center, where the athletes have a section to display their achievements.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Kathleen Baker (secretary/treasurer) and Cecilia Daigneau (president) of the Agawam Schools Professional Secretaries Association present the organization's donation of 20 movie tickets to Eileen Hamre of the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## School Secretaries Donate Movie Tickets For Holiday Baskets

The town's needy families will discover an extra special treat in this year's Holiday Baskets that are distributed annually by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Due to the generosity of the Agawam Schools Professional Secretaries Association, AFSCME Local 827, 20 movie tickets to the Showcase Cinemas have been donated for inclusion in the civic organization's baskets of provisions.

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# Church News

A Family Affair...

## More And More Girls Becoming Altar Servers

by Kathy Shepard  
AAN Feature Writer

Altar servers can be male or female since the historic 1992 Vatican decision that allowed both genders to assist the priest with Masses. Rebecca Drake, editor of "The Catholic Observer," has not run an article on this subject for several years, although the change is still new and exciting.

Instituted by the Vatican, the rule allowing young girls to serve in the church on the altar was a practice left up to the individual Bishop of each Diocese. Sister Mary Ann Nolan, Editorial Production assistant of Catholic Communications, which publishes "The Catholic Observer," lends perspective to the historic change of 1992.

Sister was part of the Liturgy Commission at Elms College in the 1940's, and through discussion and prayer, the decision was reached to have dialogue Masses. These were harbingers of many changes within the Catholic religion.

At one time, the altar boys would respond to the priest's incantations, but it became allowed for the sister serving Mass to respond - *from outside the altar!*

Father Thomas B. Pierce, then-Chaplain at Elms, was an advocate. He started the Liturgy Commission and soon witnessed the onset of the dialogue Masses, with the *entire congregation responding to the priest's chants*. The next step, to have female altar servers, was a change that came in its due time.

Sister Nolan and the other students had no idea they would live to see so many historical changes, yet she says that each one has come in a natural progression that seems right.

### Families Working Together

Sister Eileen Sullivan of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills observed that with both boys and girls serving, more family members can help together. Father William Rousseau, of both St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and St. Anthony of Padua in North Agawam, has witnessed a similar benefit. Father William Lunney of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam Center, also sees family members serving together.

The former theory behind having only boys as servers, according to Father Lunney, was based in the notion that it provided a chance to learn about the Mass should they become priests. Now, having girls and boys assist is seen as an extra form of help, freeing up the priest for his many obligations to the congregation.

Father Lunney points out that, "Not all servers study to be priests, and since the custom has changed, there is always room for the additional help from both genders."

Jennifer Bessette, 10, of St. John's, began serving at age nine. She expressed that she "likes having the responsibility of helping out."

Father Lunney is happy to report that there has been a big increase in the number of altar servers. St. John's has about 42 and Father Lunney finds them to be "great kids, who are very into this. It's very nice to see."

Emmanuel Ortiz-Alvarez serves with his brother, Pablo. Emmanuel started at age 10 and is almost 12 now. He reasons, "I get to see people and they get to know me." His younger brother, Pablo, serves with him at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, at baptisms, weddings, and other occasions. Emmanuel enjoys it when "after the homily, Father Bill tells funny stories."

For altar servers, St. John's has two sisters, two sets of brother pairs, and two brother-sister teams. The siblings usually do serve together, and many of them affirmed that they enjoy this arrangement. Kristan and Karyn Heaton serve the same Masses now, but Kristan has been an altar server for two years, while Karyn just started. Kristan points out, "It's good to be part of the Mass."

Elizabeth Haire describes her experience serving as "a really good way to work for the community. You get to know members of the parish and you have a responsibility."

Elizabeth has been serving for about three years, and Jennifer Bessette's dad, Bill, commented that "Elizabeth was instrumental with Jennifer's serving experience. She has nurtured Jennifer along. She is very sweet and her friendship helped Jennifer a lot."

The 42 altar servers of St. John the Evangelist are Michael Audette, Laura Bell, Jennifer Bessette, Corinne Cardin, Tom Casiello, William

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AT SACRED HEART CHURCH: front row - Deacon Jim Martone, John O'Krongly (senior altar server), Joe McCarthy, J.T. McCarthy, Brian Marchese, Matthew Gendron, Michael Therrault, and Matthew Oleksak; back row - Lindsay Francis, Michelle Gendron, Megan O'Krongly, Daniel Adamski, Nathan Adamski, Matthew Francis, and John Lennon. Advertiser

News photo by Kathy Shepard.



FATHER LUNNEY with just some of the altar servers at St. John the Evangelist Church: back row - Elizabeth Haire, Kristan Heaton, Fr. Lunney, Joel Melendez, and Emmanuel Ortiz-Alvarez; front row - Karyn Heaton, Jennifer Bessette, Pablo Ortiz-Alvarez, and Jonathan Melendez. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: At St. Theresa's Church - Anthony Brignoli, Joanne Brignoli, and Father Rousseau.  
IN RIGHT PHOTO: Anthony Brignoli, Jeff LaFountain, Joanne Brignoli, and Debra Brignoli work together when it comes to altar serving. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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Clark, David Corliss, David Cowan, Julie Czuprynski, Benjamin DesRoche, Joshua Dion, Neil Donah, Daniel & Peter Drowniak, Ryan Dunbar, Elizabeth Haire, Karyn & Kristan Heaton, Billy Holden, Joel & Justin Howe, Sarah Huffman, Dan Jock, Ashley Lancourt, Brian Landry, Brendan & Meaghan Lewis, Tom Light, Nathan Little, Ashley & Matt Marek, Leah March, Joel & Jonathan Melendez, Bianca Molta, Emmanuel & Pablo Ortiz-Alvarez, Marc Pereira, Paul Pilegi, Michael Prisdie, Alex Smith, and Matthew St. Peter. The adult advisors are Patrick Drowniak and Louise Pilegi.

Father Lunney mentioned also that there is a "rehearsal every year for the new altar servers and then one for the older 'veterans.' We try to place the new servers with a 'veteran' for the first few months to allow a chance to get used to it."

Father William Rousseau is pastor to two churches in the North Agawam area. Because of the

close proximity of these two churches, the parishes became joined, and Father Rousseau is kept busy, giving Masses, weddings, baptisms, and maintaining the many obligations of pastor for St. Anthony's and St. Theresa's. He observes, "Girls can contribute to the church in many ways."

## Brother-Sister Combinations

There are 24 altar servers between the two churches, and several of them serve with a sibling. A brother and sister combination explained their reactions to the changes. **Tony Brignoli**, who likes Sunday Masses because "Saturday is like a social day," has served for five years and so has his sister, **Joanne**. Joanne started right after her First Communion.

Father Rousseau teased, "Do you get along better inside or outside the church?"

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Tony and Joanne's grandmother, Joanne Beltrandi, has been the organist and choir director at St. Anthony's Church for many years, so the children have been going to the 8:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday since infancy to hear their grandma. They always wanted to be altar servers. Tony enjoys the simple pleasures of serving, such as ringing the bells and lighting the candles. He says that serving, "makes going to church more fun."

The altar servers alternate between Masses at St. Anthony's and St. Theresa's. Debra Brignoli, Tony and Joanne's mother, has noticed that being altar servers "helps them be interested in going to church and going to CCD. It means being active in church activities, which I think is good," she told us.

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Jeff LaFountain and Debra Brignoli share similar goals and interests and church is an important part of these. They work with Tony and Joanne and help them with aspects of serving.

The 24 youths who serve with Father Rousseau at these churches are Steph & Anna Aversa, Emily Baker, Tony & Joanne Brignoli, Adam Ceccarini, Andrea Conte, John DeLucchi, Gary Dionne, Keith & Nicole Gendreau, Gina & Christine Graziano, Ashley & Andrew Gueil, Christopher King, Emily Lapins, Brenton Reveruzzi, Ashely Richards, Nicholas Rossi, Michael Seaver, Amanda & David Therrien, and Colleen Ziemba.

At Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, Sister Eileen Sullivan, Deacon Jim Martone, and parishioner Marian O'Krongly all remember having one of the first female altar servers, Emily Tampone. This church also has a few sibling teams, and one group is a family.

Lindsay Francis, an eighth-grader, was also one of the first female altar servers and she is now in her fourth year. She usually serves with her brother, Matthew (in his sixth year). Matthew thinks, "It's good that girls get to altar serve."

Lindsay says that they enjoy helping Father Kenneth Tatro (pastor), and that "it's natural and nice to do something meaningful together with my brother."

John, Megan, and their mom, Marian O'Krongly, exemplify one of the many ways a family can serve their parish. Also a Eucharistic minister, Marian helps Deacon Jim Martone with organizing meetings and scheduling the Masses for the altar servers. She says, "It's good to keep boys and girls together, since there are not always enough ways for them to do things together."

Megan O'Krongly admits that the first time she served was "a little scary," but that, "it helped having my brother there."

Her brother, John O'Krongly, has served for about six years. In his view, it's about the same as before, having girls serve with the boys. "It's okay. They blend in and we all help Father."

**New Ones Always Welcome**

Father Tatro, Deacon Martone, and Mrs. O'Krongly encourage anyone interested in becoming an altar server to do so. "New ones are always welcome," stresses Mrs. O'Krongly.

One of the challenges is to balance factors such as age, gender, and even height. Attention is paid to the distribution of chances to serve for each youngster, too. "Each person should have an equal chance to be included," she points out.

The altar servers of Sacred Heart Church are Daniel & Nathan Adamski, Nicole Circosta-Aspinall, Meghan Beauchene, John Bitgood, Stephanie Cochran, Lindsay & Matthew Francis, Matthew & Michelle Gendron, Donald Hare, Eric & Michael Hogan, Chris Holl, Paul LaBarre, Danielle LaBonte, John Lennon, Mark Maloney, Brittany & Nicole Margiotta, Joe & J.T. McCarthy, Alyson Nowell, John & Megan O'Krongly, Daniel, Joshua & Matthew O'Neill, Daniel Quirk, Kyle Sullivan, Emily Tampone, Robert & Michael Torte, Brian Marchese, Michael Therrault, and Matthew Olesak.

Altar servers have a special role in the Mass, speaking clearly and leading the responses. They must pay constant attention to what is happening during Mass, watching for signals from the priest so that timing is right for ceremonial parts of the Mass, such as escorting the gift-bearers with bread and wine to the front of the altar.

There is an entire vocabulary with which they must be familiar. The water pitcher, called an "ewer," the "ambo" is the lectern, and the "ciborium" is the dish used for the consecrated bread. There are over 20 words they must learn and a substantial number of responses.

"It is fortunate that this Diocese received support of the Pope's 1992 ruling to allow girls to serve with boys on the altar. It is a great way for young people to become involved, to learn about their faith, and to give to the community," Father Lunney observes.

No one seems sorry to have girls along with boys, helping the priests at Mass. Beneficial to families and to the congregations and clergy, this seems like a win-win situation.

**Catholic Women Slate Supper And Auction**

The annual Pot Luck Supper and Penny Auction of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club will be held on January 11th, in the Social Center of St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, Agawam.

Hosted by the board members of the club, salads will be served buffet-style at 6:00 p.m. and the hot supper at 6:30 p.m.

Board members in charge are Betsy Ciempa, president; Carol Pignatare, first vice president; Theresa Longo, second vice president; Alice Buell, secretary; Joan Malinoski, treasurer; Martha Jerry, assistant treasurer; and Eleanor Balboni, Gloria Colby, and Barbara Pfau, directors.

**Weekly Parish News And Events From St. John The Evangelist Church****OUR CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

December 24th: 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and midnight.

December 25th: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**THE GIVING TREE:****OUR PARISH ADVENT PROJECT**

Our parish response to the Giving Tree has certainly been impressive, with over 490 gifts being given to those in need. The committee will take the next step and decode the gifts and get them this week to the recipients. We sincerely thank all who have participated in this beautiful demonstration of love.

Wouldn't it be nice if the Spirit of Christmas would last longer? But, you know, *it is supposed to*.

We are challenged each year to be renewed in what it really means to be Christian — to be Christ-like.

The giving of gifts has as its motivation the selfless love of God in giving us His Son, and we are then encouraged to give our love to others in the same way ... all year long.

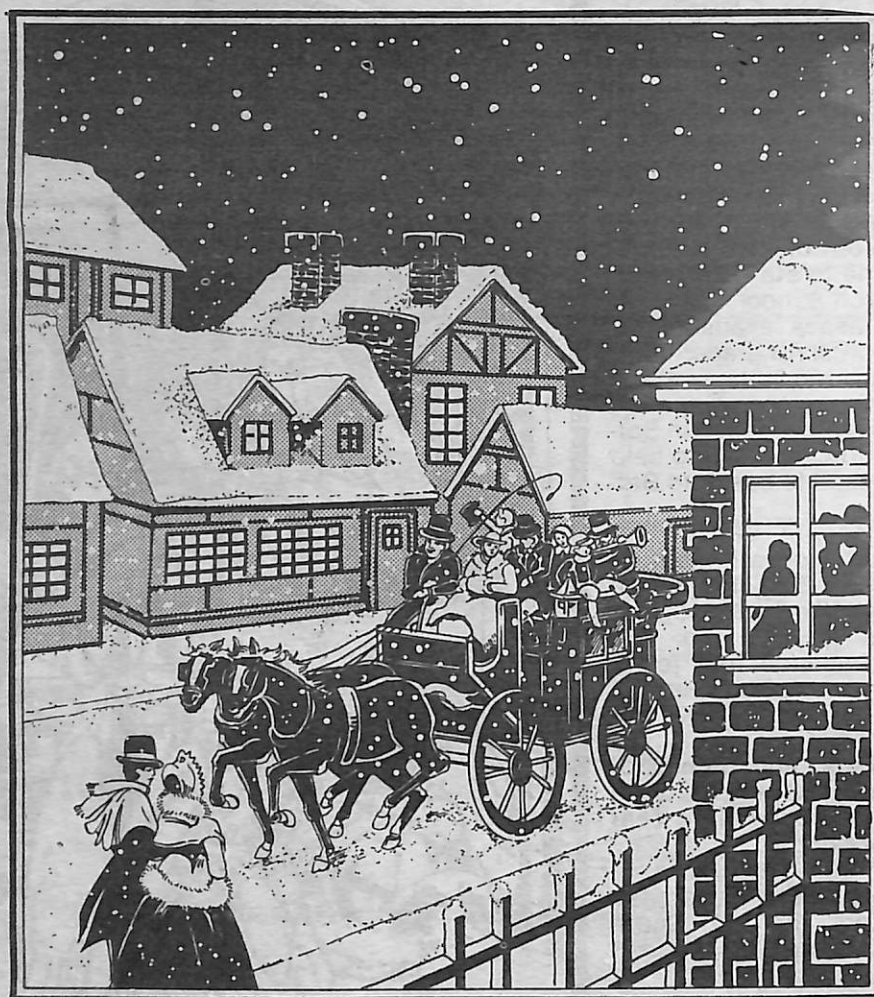
Let's see how long we can keep it going.

The **Fourth CANDLE** on the Advent Wreath this week represents the **Holy Church of God**, as we pray that God will visit us anew this Christmas, that His light will shine out to others through us, we who are called to bring the good news to the poor.

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*Church News - continued...*

## Christmas Eve Service Scheduled At Valley Community Church

Valley Community Church will once again be holding a Christmas Eve Worship Service.

The candlelight service begins at 11:00 p.m. We invite all from our community to come and share in the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ through prayer and song.

Valley Community Church is located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

## Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, January 1st

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, January 1st from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

## Celebrating Advent At Valley Comm. Church

The festive emotions of the holiday season continue at Valley Community Church. We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday, Dec. 27th at 9:30 a.m.

This week, Pastor Bob Loesch will share a message entitled, "Joy to the World," taken from the Old Testament book of Isaiah 7:10-17 and the New Testament gospel of Luke 2:1-20. Midway through the service, the children will leave the Sanctuary for Children's Church, held in Dunn Hall.

At the conclusion of the service, everyone is welcome to stay for Coffee & Fellowship. Church School begins at 11:30 a.m., with classes available for kindergarten through sixth grade.

The Mission Board will be busy at the church during the day as they prepare a supper meal for Loaves & Fishes in Springfield. Anyone who would like to help serve the meal is asked to speak to Betty Kopy.

Junior and Senior Choir will meet on Wednesday, December 30th. The Junior Choir will begin to fill the Sanctuary with joyful noises at 6:15 p.m. The Senior Choir will enhance that joyful noise with their wonderful harmony at 7:00 p.m.

The staff, members, and friends of Valley Community Church wish everyone a safe and happy New Year filled with many blessings.

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NEW YEAR'S. Our  
next edition will  
be published on  
Thursday, January  
7th, and the deadline  
is Tuesday, January  
5th, at 12:00 noon.**

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## News From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Sunday worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The Lectionary readings for December 27th, the first Sunday after Christmas, are Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23.

Rev. Donaldson will be away. Diane Ball will be our guest speaker.

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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The Board of Stewardship and Missions will continue their collection of Health, Clean-up, and Layette kits for Church World Services. Kits must be dropped off in the box in Griswold Hall by December 27th.

Please feel free to make more than one kit; there is a great need for kits due to Hurricane Mitch!

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The Agawam Parish Association will hold a breakfast meeting at this church on Saturday, January 9th. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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Operation Friendship will serve its next Roast Beef Supper here on Saturday, January 9th, from 5:00 until 6:00 p.m.

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Looking for something to do during the month of January while you wait for all your tax information to arrive? Elaine suggests you work on your annual report!

The reports are due in the office no later than January 24th. That will allow enough time to make and collate enough copies for everyone to have one before the Annual Meeting on February 7th.

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On the calendar:

**Sunday, December 27th:** 10:00 a.m., Diane Ball guest speaker during Veterans of the Cross Collection.

**Monday, December 28th:** 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

**Tuesday, December 29th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Wednesday, December 30th:** 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, December 31st:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 9:00 p.m., Bousquet wedding.

*Our "Church News" is just one more  
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**and on earth  
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- Luke 2:14



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♦ **Thursday, December 24th**

5:00 p.m. - Family Communion Service

11:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight

Communion Service

♦ **Friday, December 25th**

10 a.m. - Holy Communion Service

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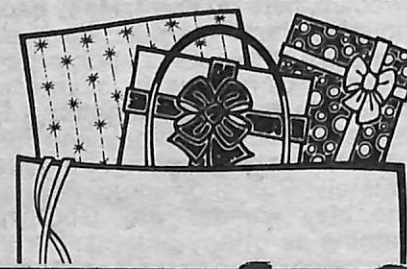
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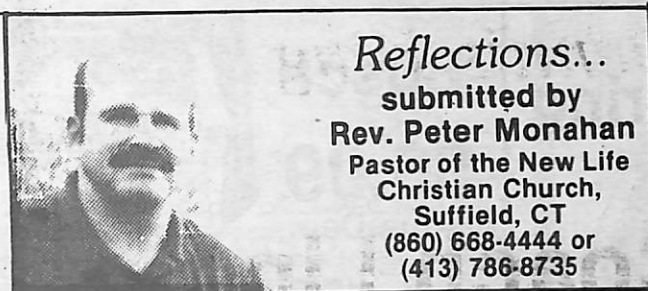


## Church News - continued...

## Agawam Lions Club Holds Blood Drive...



ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, the Agawam Lions Club held a blood drive at Agawam Congregational Church. IN LEFT PHOTO: Blood donor Liz Kayser and nurse Mary Doyle. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Lions Club members Matt Blackak, Ed Judkins, Dick Bassett, and Lyman Simpson helped prepare a pancake breakfast for the blood donors. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Reflections...

submitted by  
**Rev. Peter Monahan**  
Pastor of the New Life  
Christian Church,  
Suffield, CT  
(860) 668-4444 or  
(413) 786-8735

The Essence Of The Christmas Story  
Is That God Showed Up

The Word that gives life was from the beginning, and this is the one our message is about. Our ears have heard, our own eyes have seen, and our hands have touched this Word. The one who gives life appeared! We saw it happen, and we are witnesses to what we have seen. Now we are telling you about this eternal life that was with the Father and appeared to us. We are telling you what we have seen and heard, so that you may share in this life with us. And we share it with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. We are writing to tell you these things, because this makes us truly happy.

Jesus told us that God is light and doesn't have any darkness in Him. Now we are telling you.

If we say that we share in life with God and keep on living in the dark, we are lying and are not living by the truth. But if we live in the light, as God does, we share in life with each other. And the blood of His Son Jesus washes all our sins away. If we say we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth isn't in our hearts. But if we confess our sins to God, He can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away. (1 John 1:1-9 CEV)

With these simple yet exciting words, John has shared with us the Christmas story! We live in a complicated world which seems to find complicated things to be more comfortable or acceptable than simple things. Yet the Christmas story is wonderfully simple, although of course, it does also get pretty profound.

The essence of the Christmas story is summed up by John: **The one gives life appeared!** God is the source of life in all its varieties and forms, including human life. With simple language, John expresses the absolutely most profound concept to ever cross the human mind, namely that God showed up, here on earth. Many people nowadays complicate the Christmas story, almost beyond recognition. If one asks such a person what the meaning of Christmas is, such a person almost cannot answer the question. Speaking exhaustively about traditions and human relationships and human yearnings, they miss the point completely: God showed up, here on earth.

One may wonder why God would ever do something as utterly unthinkable as becoming a human being in the first place. Add to that the fact that He accomplished this in the most wildly un-

## Holiday Services At St. David's Church

The members of St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills welcome the public to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and the coming of the New Year by joining them in worship.

The church will hold two services on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th. The 5:00 p.m. service is designed for people of all ages, and especially for children, each of which will be given a special gift at the conclusion. Child care will be provided for smaller children for the duration of the 1 1/4-hour service.

The 11:00 p.m. service is the traditional "Midnight Eucharist" and will feature candlelight, the Praise Choir, and congregational singing of Christmas carols. The service will conclude about 30 minutes in Christmas Day.

The Rector, the Rev. Len Cowan, will speak at both the 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. services.

Later on Christmas Day, the church will host a 10:00 a.m. Eucharist which will feature carol singing and a brief message by the Rector. People of

all ages are welcome to this one-hour service.

On the weekend which will follow, St. David's will hold its normal services of the Holy Eucharist: Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. A shortened version of the traditional English service of Lessons and Carols will be held at all services, including the 10:00 a.m. service which will be particularly designed for children, and will feature some younger readers of the Scriptures.

To finish out the Holidays, the church will host a New Year's Eve service at 8:00 p.m. in celebration of Jesus, King of all the Ages. This service of singing, Scripture, a message, and prayer will provide an opportunity to thank God for the year past, and to dedicate 1999 to His glory. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Further information about these and other opportunities for spiritual growth with the people of St. David's may be obtained by calling the parish office at 786-6133.



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*Church News - continued...***Weekly Calendar From  
Ag. Congregational**

The Christmas Eve Service Schedule is as follows: 5:00 p.m. (pageant), 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Services).

This Sunday, December 27th, is the First Sunday after Christmas Day. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Deacon Warren Tapply will be the guest speaker for the service. The Children's Message will be presented by Lucy Young.

There will not be any Church School Classes on December 27th. However, the Crib Room will still be available for babies and toddlers.

Church School will resume on Sunday, January 3rd, for all ages.

Communion Sunday will be observed on Sunday, January 3rd (the Second Sunday after Christmas), during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Agawam Congregational Church.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be taken from Text: John 1: 1-9; 10-18. The Deacons will serve Communion to the congregation.

Church School Classes will resume for all grades on this Sunday.

The offertory anthem will be presented by the Church Youth Brass Ensemble, featuring a Christmas Medley. The youth performers are: Adam Tapply, Kevin Pender, Michael Follis, Katie Tapply, Kelly Follis, Christopher Martin, and Patrick Walsh.

The Open Pantry item for Sunday, December 27th, is tuna. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Open Pantry item for Sunday, January 3rd, is macaroni & sauce for the Loaves & Fishes program. These items provide the makings for our dinner we serve at the Springfield kitchen.

The Junior & Senior High Youth Group will meet on Sunday, January 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The Club K\*1\*2, Club 34, and Club 56 will hold a trip to see the movie "The Prince of Egypt" on Saturday, January 9th. It will be an afternoon matinee.

The youth will meet at the church before traveling to the theater.

The Heifer Project begins on Sunday, January 10th. The dedication of monies collected will be on Sunday, February 14th.

The Heifer Project International is a worldwide organization that began following World War II to assist farmers to increase their livestock. Today, money collected is used to purchase cows, sheep, rabbits, chickens, bees, and other small farm animals for the United States and other countries.

If you would like to donate money to this project, please send it to the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attention Heifer Project).

Mark your calendars today! The Catering Committee is sponsoring a Ziti & Meatball Supper on Saturday, January 23rd, at 5:30 p.m.

**REV. MONAHAN - from Page 24...**

predictable manner, by coming as a human baby! What ever must have been on God's mind to do a thing like that in the first place? Perhaps God became of of us in the manner He chose so that he could become closer to us, by sharing in our human experience. The Native Americans have a saying, "Don't judge another person until you have walked a mile in his shoes." God walked more than a mile in our shoes.

God always had every right to judge us whether or not He had become one of us, and walked a mile in our shoes. **Jesus told us that God is light**

and doesn't have any darkness in Him. God knows each and every one of us has varying shades of darkness in us. However, God desires not to judge us harshly, but rather to show us mercy. **If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins to God, He can always be trusted to forgive and take our sins away.**

The essence of the Christmas story is that God showed up. The Christmas story is first and foremost about Him, and only after that, about us. **The one who gives life appeared! Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Let earth receive her King.**

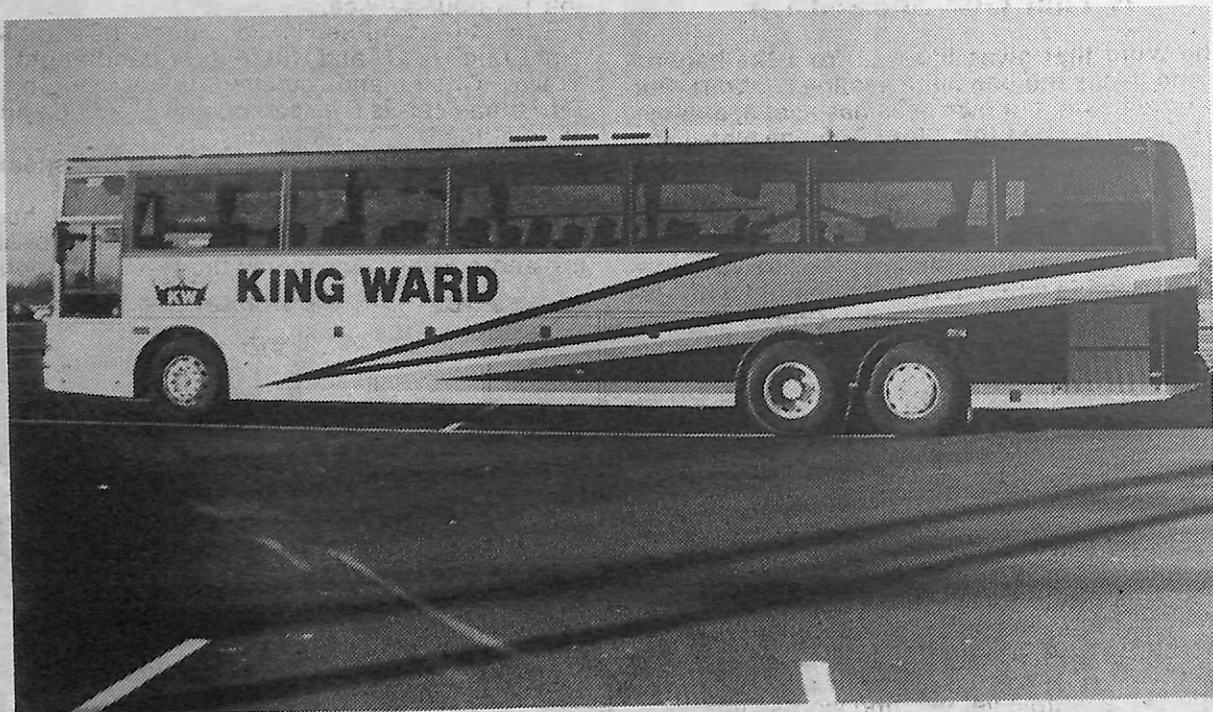
*Rev. Monahan's column, "Reflections...", is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News...*

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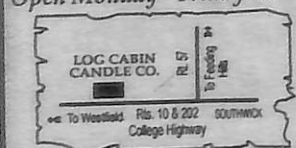
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## Church News - continued...

# Christmas Bazaar At St. John The Evangelist Church



RITA MOORE AND JOAN BRUSSEAU sold raffle tickets for a clock at St. John's Christmas Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, St. John the Evangelist Church held a Christmas Bazaar. IN LEFT PHOTO: Tyler Erdahl told a certain "jolly old elf" what he would like for Christmas. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Paula Raiche, Betsy Ciempa, Mariann Green, and Gloria Colby enjoyed themselves while working at the Christmas Bazaar. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you!

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ALWYN SHEPARD AND BEATRICE HAMEL handled the "Bountiful Basket" at St. John's Christmas Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Spotlight On Business

### Agawam Residents Assist Easter Seals...



ED BORGATTI, JR. of E.B.'s Specialty Chicken Restaurant (right), the 1999 Easter Seals Vice Chair, plans for the 1999 Annual Campaign with team members Liz Greenway, owner of Walnut Street Cleaners, and Dennis King of Agawam, President of King Ward Coach Lines. The funds they raise will benefit Easter Seals' services for Agawam area children and adults with disabilities.



JOHN WALCZAK of West Springfield (left), the Easter Seals Family Chairman, talks with team members Dorothy Marchetto of Agawam and Carroll Dwyer III of Agawam. They are part of the team of volunteers working on the Easter Seals 1999 Annual Campaign. John's son and Carroll both benefit from Easter Seal swim programs. Dorothy's son attends Easter Seals camp.

#### Pam Savioli

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Adding a damper or keeping an existing damper closed will minimize heat loss when the fireplace isn't fired up. Adding glass-front doors will also limit the amount of room heat that escapes.

By routing outside air directly to the firebox through regulated ducts, you can cut back on the warm air the fireplace draws from the room and reduce drafts.

Since a fireplace draws air through cracks in the walls, windows, and doors, you can plug air leaks by weatherizing. Do this only if your fireplace has a direct source of outside air to prevent the discharge of poisonous fumes into your home.

Adding a heat exchanger in your firebox will force heated air back into the room. Or, installing a factory-built prefabricated fireplace in your fireplace opening will result in greater efficiency.

For more home energy-saving tips, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

#### Travel Talk...

by Lori Keeley, CTC  
Travel Connections, LTD  
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West Spfld., MA 01089  
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#### Airline Travel & Schedule Changes

Have you ever booked a reservation for a flight so far in advance that the departure time changes about two or three times before you even leave?

Well, this seems to be one of the most confusing issues to travelers that comes across my desk daily. Let me tell you how it works and what to expect before you travel.

Say you have a reservation in March for a flight in October because the fare is so great you just

can't pass it up. You now have your tickets in hand months before the actual departure date. If you purchased your tickets from a travel agent, they will get updates on your reservation via the computer reservation system regarding the flight times.

As the airlines work the flight from season to season, they may need to adjust the schedule according to demand, so schedules change. Nothing is written in stone and the airlines do have the right to change the schedule. They also have the right to cancel a non-stop to a one-stop or even a connecting flight.

Your travel agent has no control over these changes incurred by the airlines, and are merely the messengers to you. If the schedule is not acceptable to you, then I do suggest a person-to-person call or visit to that airline's ticket counter.

Change is constant with airlines, so please be flexible and patient. Traveling can be stressful on both the business and vacation traveler, so try to stay calm and cooperate with any changes or inconveniences this holiday season.

Remember, we want you to travel safe and if it means a delay, it's well worth all the lives it saves.

Have a very Merry Christmas and travel safe!

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***Agawam Chamber Tours Penfield Productions...**

LAST MONTH, members of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce enjoyed a tour of Penfield Productions LTD, located at 35 Springfield Street, Agawam. IN LEFT PHOTO: Mike Fiorini, John Shanahan (Penfield Production Manager), Brook Ashby, and Linda Northup Vitro. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Don Rheault, John Shanahan, Richard Mulcahy, JoAnn McGeoghan, Christopher Johnson, Linda Northup Vitro, and Brook Ashby. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

**Legal Memo**

by  
**Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.**  
546 Springfield St., F.H.  
(413) 786-9454

**Premises Liability  
Slip & Fall On Ice**

The plaintiff alleged that he fell while descending porch stairs when he slipped on a patch of ice. He claimed this ice patch formed when icicles on the house overhang dripped and formed ice on the steps. The plaintiff claimed that the overhang was a defective condition of the house. The defense claimed that the accident happened during the remnants of a major snowstorm and that it was still snowing. The defense claimed that

any fall was due to a natural ice formation and that the landlord did not have time to clear the ice.

The defense also contended that the plaintiff had lived at the premises for 14 years and never once complained about this dangerous situation. Additionally, the defense claimed that the plaintiff failed to use the handrail when descending the stairs.

The state sanitary code noted the landlord's duty to remove snow and ice from outside stairs as well as subsequent repairs of the overhang on both the issue of notice and feasibility of repair. This was helpful to the plaintiff in proving negligence on the landlord's part. The plaintiff's meteorologist was also helpful in his explanation as to why the icicles were dripping despite the temperature reading.

The jury awarded the plaintiff \$122,500.00 for his injuries, which included a fractured tibia and knee cap replacement.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...**

DONNA KENNEDY (left), Branch Manager of Westfield Bank's Agawam office, presents a \$1,000 donation to Carol Miller, treasurer of the Agawam Historical Association. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Westfield Bank Supports Agawam's Firehouse Museum

Bank President Donald Williams recently announced that Westfield Bank has donated \$1,000 to support the efforts of the Agawam Historical Association. The funds will be used to help the Association complete the acquisition and renovation of the old firehouse on Elm Street.

According to Williams, "Westfield Bank has been a part of the Agawam community for many years. We are delighted to be able to help this fine organization preserve some of the Town's historical treasures."

At the check presentation on December 15th were William and Carol Miller of the Agawam Historical Association and Donna Kennedy, Branch Manager of the Agawam office. Kennedy noted, "I'm pleased to be able to be a part of the community and look forward to visiting the museum when the renovations are complete."

The Millers are active members of the Agawam Historical Association, with Carol serving as treasurer and William serving as assistant treasurer. They noted that while the goal of \$30,000 has almost been achieved, "there's still a short way to go."

Anyone interested in making a contribution to put this effort over the top can do so by sending their checks to the Agawam Historical Association, P.O. Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001.

Westfield Bank is one of the largest independent community banks in the area with assets of over \$530 million. Headquartered in Westfield, they have branches in West Springfield, Agawam, South, and East Longmeadow. A new office will be opening in downtown Springfield early in 1999.

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## COMMON SENSE with Raymond Rose THE PIONEER GROUP

### Why Invest?

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villa with that kind of money.

Maybe you don't have \$2,000 burning a hole in your bank account, but perhaps you can afford to sock away just two dollars a day, 250 days a year. It's not a lot, but if you're in your early 20's, you've got the investor's best ally on your side - time. If you invest \$500 once a year in an investment that averages a 12.42 percent annual return (the annual stock market return since 1950), it will grow to roughly \$1 million after 46 years, which is right around the time you'll be ready to retire.

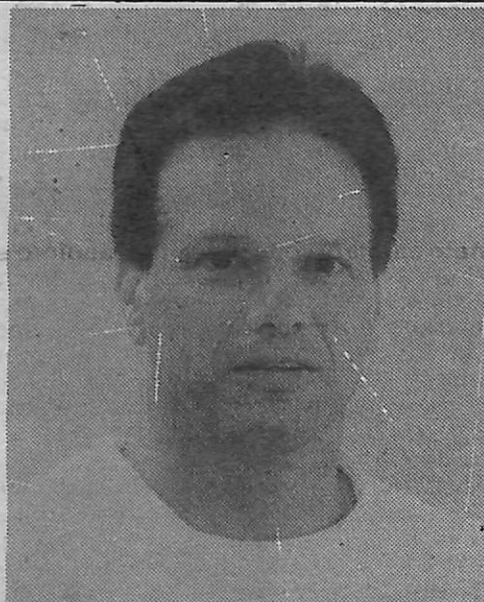
Of course, as you get older and more financially stable, you should be able to put away more to invest. Even \$60 a month, about what you pay for basic cable TV and a movie channel, could grow to another half a million dollars by the time you're ready to quit that day job or buy out the boss's share of the business.

Simply put, you want to invest in order to create wealth. Whether you put your money into stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, the goal is to increase that money and to use it for things like retirement, education, recreation, or to pass on to the next generation.

Whether you're starting from scratch or have a few thousand dollars saved, investing will help get you going on the road to financial well-being.

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On January 13th, Steve Rowan, Bronson Rehabilitation Program Director, will speak about Inpatient Rehab.

On January 27th, Jennifer Pottle, a Registered Occupational Therapist, will talk about Adaptive Equipment.

**Diabetes Support Group:** Tuesday, January 26th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Dr. Aliotta will address "What's New with Diabetes Neuropathy?"

**"Better Breathers" Support Group:** Wednesday, January 13th, 2:00 p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties and their support persons.

At this meeting, Thomas A. Tremblay, R.R.T., C.P.F.T., will speak about "Living with Pulmonary Disease."

### COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

**Free Athletic Injury Clinic:** Thursdays, January 7th and January 21st, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

**Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes":** Sundays, January 10th and January 17th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program utilizes hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allow you to forget cigarettes forever. Presented by Joe Barako, R.N. and Certified Hypnotherapist.

The registration fee for this program is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is necessary.

To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**CPR Course:** Wednesdays, January 20th and January 27th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

**"Menopause and You" - Lecture with Robert S. Wool, M.D.:** Wednesday, January 13th, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

The lecture is free of charge. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required.

To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**"Common Ocular Disorders & Macular Degeneration" - Lecture with Mary Gina Ratcliff, M.D., and Brad Foster, M.D.:** Wednesday, January 20th, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

The lecture is free of charge. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required.

To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo:** Tuesday, January 19th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

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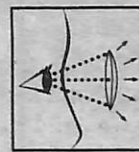
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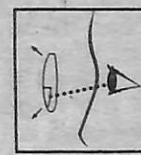
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## For Your Health - continued...



## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Sensible News About Spreads: Butter vs. Margarine

Which is better for your heart - butter or margarine? After years of debate over butter versus margarine, this is a common question asked by many health-conscious consumers. Scientists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service are working on the answer.

Published in the October 1998 issue of *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, a study by Joseph Judd, Ph.D., and David Baer, Ph.D., compared the effects on blood cholesterol of butter to two types of margarine, a typical margarine containing a moderate amount of trans fat and one containing no trans fats.

Twenty-three men and 23 women participated in the study for a total of 15 weeks. Each participant consumed one of the three spreads as their main fat source for a five-week period as part of an average American diet. After a five-week period, the type of spread was changed so all participants consumed each type.

Butter-containing diets raised total and LDL ("bad") cholesterol the most. Compared to the butter diet, both margarine-containing diets had less of an effect on both total and LDL cholesterol. "There is only one conclusion that can be reached," said Dr. Judd. "You limit trans fats in the diet where you can. But don't get overly concerned to the point where you substitute saturated fats for trans fats."

The healthiest spread is a margarine that has "no trans fats." Margarine with trans fats come in second. Last place goes to butter.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at 413-786-2957.

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## Mercy Has Support Group For Children Of Cancer Patients

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of area cancer patients have that opportunity, through a support group which meets monthly at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, January 4th, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

## Educational Series For New Diabetics At Mercy Hospital

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from a four-part educational series being conducted in December at Mercy Hospital.

The free series will take place January 11th-14th, 2:30-3:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital, 299 Carew St. Sessions will provide an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required; call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, and leave your name and telephone number.

## Breast Cancer Support Group To Meet In January At Mercy

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet Jan. 5th and 19th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

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### Happy Holidays!

'Tis the season to be jolly! I was recently going through my desk and came across a lovely saying by Christian D. Larson. This is something that should be repeated not only at the holidays, but throughout the year.

*Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them. To look a the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too large for worry, too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

Have a wonderful holiday.

Dr. Nelson maintains a practice at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

## Balance Disorders & Dizziness Support Group At Mercy

The next meeting of the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation's Balance Disorders and Dizziness Support Group is Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital.

Meetings offer information and encouragement for persons living with balance difficulties or chronic dizziness. Family members and friends are also invited to attend the free sessions.

For more information, call Lois Osetek, M.S., CCC/A, (413) 748-6840.

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### WHAT'S THE INCARNATION?

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Hebrews 2:14-18

He had to be made  
like His brethren,  
that He might be a  
merciful and faithful  
High Priest.  
—Hebrews 2:17

The incarnation. It's one of those big doctrinal terms that may puzzle us. What does it mean? Let's take a few moments to think about it.

Look at yourself in a mirror. What do you think it would feel like to be a different person? You will never know. You may modify your body by exercise and diet. You may change your mind and your behavior. You may even resort to surgery. But you and I will forever be the unique individuals God created us to be. Regardless of how much we may try, we can't actually experience what it is to be another person.

What was it like, then, for God to take on our human nature and live as a man who was despised and misun-

derstood on this fallen planet? (Isa. 53). He already knew exactly what sinful people go through. After all, He is all-knowing. Yet He voluntarily came to Bethlehem, entered into our suffering and sorrow, and personally experienced our trials and temptations (Heb. 4:15). He lovingly became one of us to pay the penalty for our sins and to conquer death (Heb. 2:14). Because He suffered, He is able to assist us now (v.18).

That's what the incarnation is all about. And if we thank Jesus for all eternity, it still won't be enough. —VCG

*Touched with sympathy within;*

*He knows our feeble frame;*

*He knows what sore temptations mean,*

*For He hath felt the same. —Watts*

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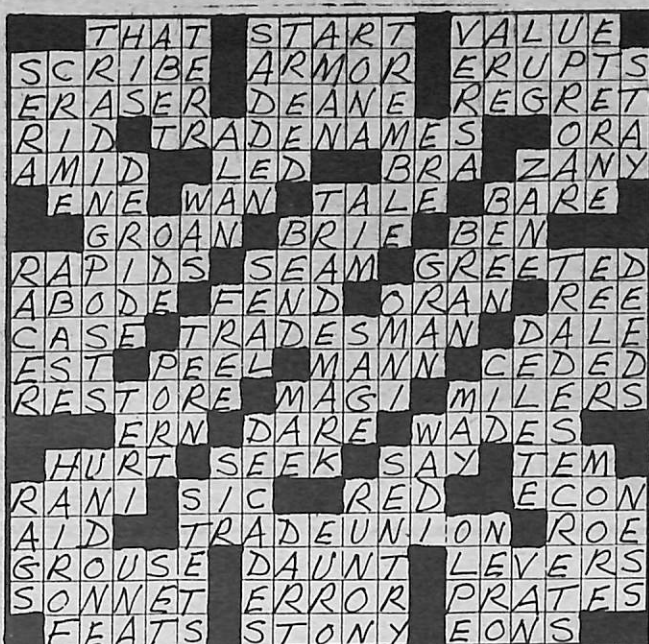
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# Arts

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4 Rainbows  
8 Aryans  
13 Start of a seasonal message  
16 Inland sea  
18 T.V. critic Roger  
19 French painter  
20 Headstrong  
22 Church calendar  
23 Avid  
24 Worship  
25 Lab burner  
26 13A continued  
30 Youngster  
31 Ms. Lauder  
32 Mouse sighting sound  
33 Goose genus  
35 T.V.'s Remington  
39 Puts off  
44 Russian fighter planes  
47 "I — gal in..."  
49 Stain  
50 Hit show sign  
53 13A continued  
59 Harpo's instrument  
61 Shopping area  
62 Sorrowful one's eyes  
63 Track shapes  
65 Capital of Montana  
67 "What is so — day in..."  
72 Fix shoes?  
74 Hammarskjold of the U.N.  
75 Big water dog for short  
78 Stall sounds  
79 Trap  
81 Showed mercy  
84 Puts in the pot  
85 Prepared spuds  
88 Mountain nymph  
89 Ballesteros  
90 13A continued  
97 Allow  
98 "Time Machine" people  
99 French river  
100 Beginner  
101 Composer Mikhail  
104 Mans the tiller  
108 Felt poorly  
112 Office holders  
114 "— motion"  
117 "Damn Yankee" vamp  
118 Conclusion of 13A  
126 Perry of song  
127 Author Bret  
128 Iowa commune  
129 Transgresses  
131 "— Sweet Home"  
132 "The — Couple" (Gorky short story)  
133 "Forty —" (gold miner)  
134 Fit of anger  
135 Singer Boone  
136 Like 62A  
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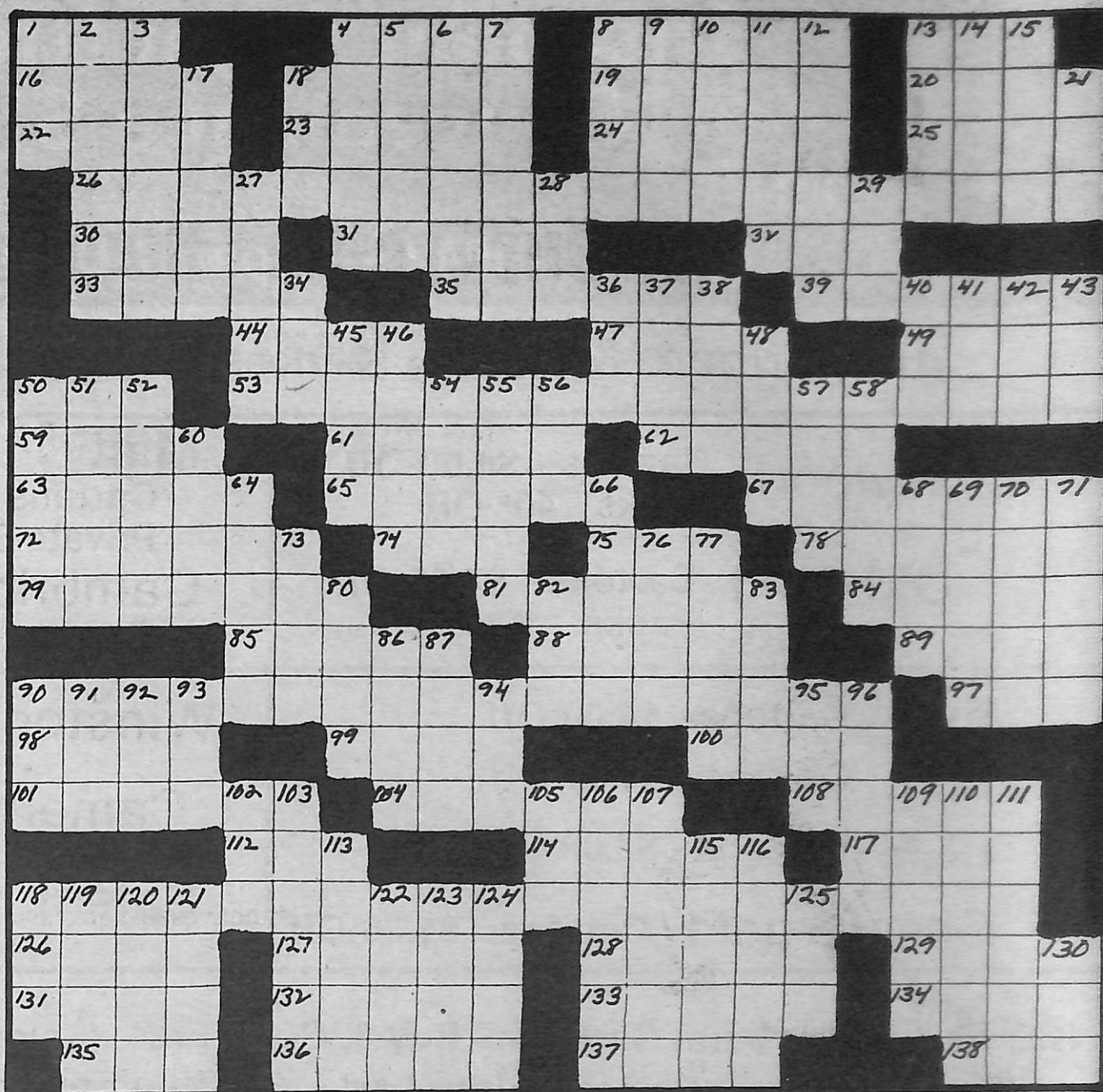
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2 Printer's errors  
3 Drive crazy  
4 Ease up  
5 Morning T.V. host  
6 Wave tops

### 7 Avenue

- 8 Take a fast look  
9 Mine find  
10 "... maids all in —"  
11 Not prose  
12 Type of tomatoes  
13 Exceedingly (music)  
14 Biblical word  
15 Serf of yore  
17 Adores  
18 Before (poetical)  
21 Possesses  
27 Foe  
28 Sandpiper  
29 Tina's ex  
34 River (Sp.)  
36 Often inflated item  
37 Oaf  
38 To be (Fr.)  
40 Hoover's org.  
41 Building addition  
42 Singer/cowboy Rogers  
43 Depot  
45 Fast flow  
46 Stuffed  
48 At a distance  
50 Eddie of hockey  
51 Black bird  
52 Exams  
54 Lopaz theme song  
55 Cup resides  
56 Urge  
57 Macaws  
58 Actress Loy  
60 Look ahead  
64 Like a haunted house  
66 Startle  
68 Long time periods  
69 Russian co-op  
70 Martin or Allen  
71 Valuable thing  
73 Greenland discoverer  
76 Region  
77 Dumb animal  
80 Sound comeback  
82 Cooking utensil  
83 June 6, 1944  
86 Goes wrong  
87 Effort  
90 Actress Ryan  
91 Building addition  
92 King (Fr.)  
93 Movie dog for short  
94 Get a look at  
95 Rifleman's org.  
96 Placemat  
102 Gymnastics move  
103 Words of distraction  
105 Estimate (abbr.)  
106 Actress Ada & kin  
107 Old golf term  
109 Wind-blown loam  
110 Comedian May  
111 Mild expletive (2 wds.)  
113 Use with another  
115 Foolish  
116 Hawaiian geese  
118 German expletive  
119 Basketball (slang)  
120 Middle East abbess  
121 Teasdale for one  
122 Writer Gardner  
123 Over  
124 Tax  
125 "— and Peace"  
130 Canonized femme

## Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



## The Theater Project In West Springfield Announces Upcoming Fundraising Events

Producing Director Danny Eaton of the Theater Project, the Pioneer Valley's only full-time theater, has announced two upcoming fundraising events.

On December 31st, the drawing for a classic 1956 Corvette convertible will be held at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield. Tickets, which will be available until the time of the drawing, are priced at \$10 each, and may be purchased in person at the box office at the Majestic Theater, or at the Enfield Square, where the car will be on display through Christmas.

Another fundraising event on behalf of the Theater Project will feature The Majestics, singers, and musicians from the acclaimed *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*. On January 22, 1999, performers Ben Ashley, Stacy Ashley, Ivy Balch, Dave Healey, Tom Ingram, Tim Hosmer, Aaron Porchelli, Don Rovero, and Doug Wallace, led by musical director Mitch Chakour, will entertain from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight at The Colosseum in West Springfield.

Tickets are \$25 each, and can be obtained by calling or visiting the box office at the Majestic Theater.

Box office hours at the Majestic Theater are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:00 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, 4:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The telephone number is (413) 747-7797.

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## Education

### Clark School's Holiday Family Night A Success

The James Clark School PTO held its first annual Holiday Family Night on Tuesday, December 8th. The PTO was pleasantly surprised by the huge turnout. Judging by the amount of cookies decorated and crafts made, the PTO estimates almost 500 people participated in the evening's events.

The only disappointment was the weather. The rain forced the cancellation of the hay ride, but did not dampen the spirits of those attending. In keeping with the season's theme of giving, people brought donations for the Mitten Tree and Food Collection box. All items were given to the Agawam Junior Women's Club for their Holiday Basket program.

The PTO wants to thank all the parents who volunteered their time for this event. We could not have done it without your support! Special thanks to Eileen Chapman from the West Springfield Public Library for her wonderful storytimes in the new Media Center. And a very big thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking the time to greet the children.

Thanks also to the area businesses who donated raffle prizes: Agawam Cinemas, Country Mouse House, Christo's Restaurant, Malone's Farm & Garden Center, LEGO, B & G Auto, Shaker Farms Country Club, Basketball Hall of Fame, B & G Petroleum, Surprise! Hallmark, and Hollywood Video. Proceeds from the raffle helped to pay for supplies for the events.

Additional thanks to Geissler's and Stop & Shop for donating frosting for the cookie decorating. Finally, thanks to Agawam High School National Honor Society members Melissa Crough, Rob Santaniello, and Jay Gagne for volunteering to help at our craft and cookie tables.

The PTO is already planning for next year's second annual Holiday Family Night. We hope to see you there!



STORYTELLER EILEEN CHAPMAN (a.k.a. one of "Santa's elves") entertained the children at Clark Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: "Santa Claus" and Kayla Blake at Clark's Holiday Family Night. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Youngsters help themselves to popcorn at the Holiday Family Night. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, January 4th:** Steamed frank-furt in roll, New England baked beans, oven potato rounds, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

**Tuesday, January 5th:** Cheeseburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned carrots, chilled fruit cup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

**Wednesday, January 6th:** Baked cheese ravioli with meatsauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, rosy apple sauce or jello with topping, milk.

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STUDENTS IN THE integrated third-grade class (Room 15) at Clark Elementary School were delighted to share their Christmas stories with our readers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Locals Earn Athletic Awards At Suf. Academy

At the Athletic Awards Assembly at Suffield Academy on December 2nd, the following students from Agawam and Feeding Hills were honored with special awards and varsity letters.

**Girls' Cross Country:** Varsity Letter - Melissa Knight, Agawam.

**Field Hockey:** Varsity Letter & Most Valuable Player Award - Sarah Cowan (tri-captain), Agawam; Varsity Letters - Elizabeth Cowan, Agawam, and Cathleen Evans, Agawam.

**Football:** Varsity Letter - Jeffrey Beaudette,

Agawam.

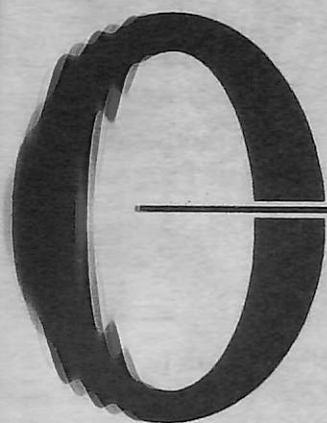
**Girls' Soccer:** Varsity Letter - Jennifer Modzelesky, Feeding Hills.

**Boys' Soccer:** Varsity Letter - Christopher Knight, Feeding Hills.

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## Students Meet With Mayor Johnson...

# Smoky Bathrooms At Agawam High School Are A Continuing Problem

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

No ifs, ands, or buts about it, cigarette smoking in Agawam High School bathrooms has been and remains the bane of school administrators and the non-smoking student majority who say they can't use the restrooms without emerging with the stale smell of smoke permeating their clothes.

Last week, members of the Agawam High School student government Interact Club met with School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson in an effort to find a solution to the problem. This came after a student-initiated report on smoking and bathroom maintenance at the school was dropped from the School Committee's agenda.

Although he was not present at the School Committee meeting, Johnson said the item was dropped from the agenda because Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau did not feel the students had exhausted the administrative chain of command before bringing the issue to the committee's attention.

English teacher Kathleen Mounemneh, who serves as a faculty advisor to Interact, said the students had been under the impression that they had followed the chain of command by notifying Principal Joseph Zabielski and Director of Building Maintenance Anthony Albro of their plan to seek School Committee input for solutions to the problem (and to ask for the committee's support for hiring monitors to prevent vandalism in the bathrooms and enforce the ban on smoking).

Mrs. Mounemneh said her ninth grade students have identified smoky bathrooms as the most negative aspect of the High School in an essay assignment relating to positive and negative experiences at the school.

"Some of the kids won't use the bathrooms because the smoke bothers them so much," Mrs. Mounemneh said. "They are very uncomfortable by the end of the day."

### A Health Issue

The students told Johnson smoky bathrooms are a health issue, pointing out that part of the school's mission statement is to provide a healthy environment where the students can learn. Students questioned why bathroom monitors have been cut from the principal's budget by the superintendent each year.

Johnson said he understood how seriously the students take the problem caused by smoking and vandalism in the bathrooms, but he did not feel the situation warranted using taxpayers' money to babysit the High School bathrooms.

A member of the School Council in its sixth year of existence, English teacher Joann Brown said the smoking in the bathrooms has taken up the majority of every council meeting. Ms. Brown said the council has supported Zabielski in requesting monitors every year, only to be told by Superintendent Frank Ameruso that it comes down to choosing between teaching positions and bathroom monitors.

## Agawam Students Named To Honor Roll At Suffield Academy

The following students from Agawam have been named to Suffield Academy's fall term honor roll:

### HIGH HONORS

Grade 11 - Elizabeth Cowan.

Grade 12 - Jeffrey Beaudette and Sarah Cowan.

### HONORS

Grade 9 - Brittany Locke.

"The reality is that every year we get budget requests we cannot possibly fund. That's why the superintendent has to tell the principals to set their priorities for funding. It doesn't mean the funds aren't needed; it means we don't have the funds (for every request)," Johnson said. "I'm not trying to trivialize your concern."

Responding to students' request that Agawam follow Southwick's lead in hiring bathroom monitors, Johnson said it would cost the town far more due to the size of the school and the number of bathrooms to be patrolled.

Johnson said it would cost at least \$30,000 to \$40,000 to hire even two monitors to watch the school's five sets of bathrooms.

### A Possible Pilot Program

Rather than asking the town to hire full- or part-time employees as monitors, Johnson suggested the students consider setting up a pilot program to monitor some of the bathrooms using the senior citizen property tax rebate system.

"Under the rebate program, seniors receive \$500 off their property taxes in exchange for 100 hours of public service," Johnson said. "If you are willing to do the work to develop a pilot program and set up a schedule, the personnel director will advertise it in the newspaper and at the Senior Center. You might find some seniors who would

be able to take on the job of monitors."

Interact President Heather Hughes said the club has been brainstorming for years on ways to solve the problem.

"Last year, we went to the superintendent and he said it was up to us to make sure our peers don't vandalize or smoke in the bathrooms. We tried it for a year and we think it's unrealistic. The only solution we've come up with is to hire monitors for the bathrooms," Heather said.

After meeting with the Mayor, Interact members began making plans to launch a no smoking campaign at the school and to visit the Senior Center to drum up support for a pilot program of bathroom monitors.

Having collected hundreds of student signatures on a petition seeking a solution to the bathroom situation, Interact members plan to return to the School Committee to report on their progress.

Ms. Brown said teachers monitoring the bathrooms as a duty period have been successful in stopping student smoking during class periods. But, students still manage to light up and contaminate the bathrooms with smoke during the time teachers and students are passing to their next class.

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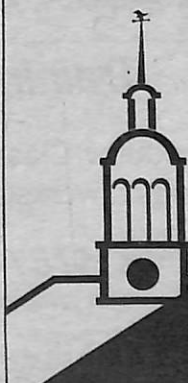
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School Dept. Officials &amp; Premier Parks Representatives...

## Partnership Formed Between Agawam High And Riverside Park

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Last week, School Department officials joined representatives of Premier Parks in announcing a partnership between Agawam High School and Riverside Park.

Under the terms of the partnership, Riverside will provide internship opportunities for up to eight students each quarter; offer a higher wage to qualified AHS students seeking summer jobs; and provide support for expanding the school's career center.

"This is truly an exciting day for Agawam High School," Principal Joseph Zabielski said. "For the first time, we have a tailor-made partnership with Riverside, the major business in town. This will be mutually beneficial to the business and to the educational process at the school."

Zabielski said unique mentorships are currently being created for the students in accounting, graphic design, marketing, and public relations.

"If the students intend to pursue careers in those areas, they'll find out now if it's for them or not. Also, the students will have the chance to spin out of this a potential occupational opportunity at the park. An internship experience can open the doors on unlimited opportunities," Zabielski said.

School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau said the students would benefit from the internships by becoming more aware of the types of job opportunities that exist (as well as what kind of employee businesses are looking for).

### A Natural Choice

"Riverside was a natural choice to approach for an internship program because they have such a diversity of opportunities and careers at the park," Mrs. Galarneau said.

Currently, three students are working as interns at the amusement park in the accounting, marketing, and graphic arts departments. The

students will put in a total of 35 to 40 hours after school or during vacation on the job with their mentors and are expected to receive one credit for their work.

In presenting a \$5,000 check for the expansion of the school's Career Center, Riverside Marketing Director Ron Sevat said, "We're doing this selfishly; we need high quality employees and we want to help students focus on careers rather than getting distracted with other things, especially as juniors and seniors. Internships take a lot of time and effort, but in the end, you have a better worker for your own workforce or for someone else's."

Sevat said the money aspect is the smallest part of Riverside's partnership with the school.

"This is much bigger than money," Sevat said. "If we can get a student into our accounting department and let them see what goes on in the real world—the number of checks we write, the controls we have in place—maybe we can excite that student in ways that are impossible in a classroom with lessons on the blackboard."

In addition to the internship program, Riverside will earmark some of the \$1,000 and \$1,500 scholarships awarded each year for AHS Renaissance students. Sevat said the company chose to direct the scholarships to Renaissance cardholders because the program recognizes students for their good behavior and work ethics as well as their scholastic records.

"We want the students to see there is college money out there even if they're not the top students," Sevat said. "For 365 days a year, we'll be reinforcing the importance of hard work and punctuality (by supporting Renaissance)."

Zabielski said the partnership demonstrates that the High School can fulfill a need in the community and that the school's needs will be fulfilled in return.

## "Spacey" Visit...



ON DECEMBER 1st, Mr. Bill Curran from Hamilton Standard visited the Springfield Christian School, 627 State Street, Springfield, to demonstrate a space suit used in space walks. The exhibit was received with great enthusiasm, and the students asked many questions. Pictures above are Springfield Christian School students Miriam Hinds and Tricia Bushey of Feeding Hills.

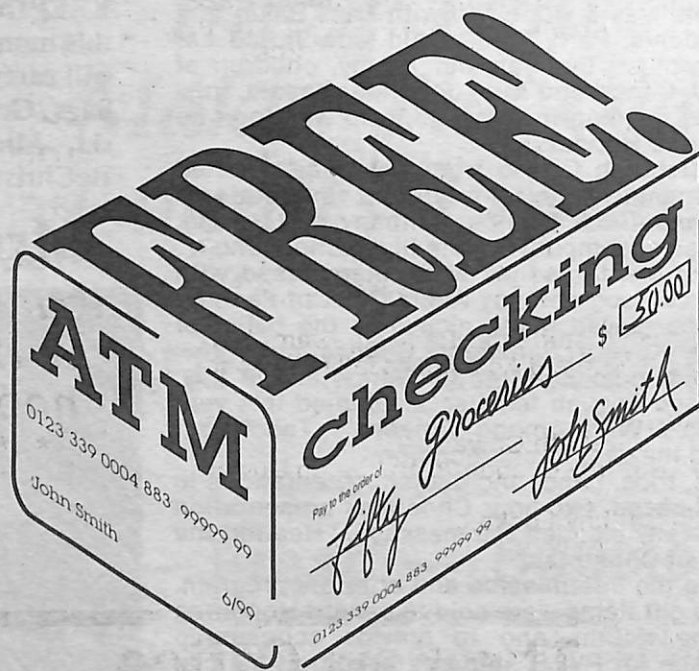
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Parry MacDonald (age nine) and Timmy MacDonald (age five) of Agawam accompany their PVCS music instructor, Miss Karen Baker. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Alicia Clink (right) of Feeding Hills, along with Rebecca Kay, performed original choreography in the Christmas play.

## Agawam Students Perform In PVCS's Christmas Program

On a crisp, clear winter night, over 400 parents, relatives, and friends of students in Pioneer Valley Christian School's Fine Arts Department attended a Christmas program which included a 17-piece band, a 44-piece elementary choir, a 36-voice middle school choir, and a 34-voice high school choir, plus drama, choreography, and a live Nativity!

The school's Art Department, under the direction of Mrs. Kim Annis, "set the stage" by making a huge, deep blue backdrop with shimmering, hosting angels in flight.

Mrs. Barbara Gouthro of Springfield, a twice-recognized "Who's Who Teacher of the Year," coordinated the entire evening's entertainment, accompanied the elementary school choir, as well as directed the middle school and high school choirs.

Miss Karen Baker, instrumental music instructor and professional oboe player, directed the school's band. One of the many evening's highlights was a violin trio with Miss Baker and two students: Parry MacDonald (age 9) and her young brother, five year-old Timmy, children of The Rev. Canon and Mrs. John MacDonald, missionaries residing in Agawam, who will soon be returning to Honduras.

Mrs. Deborah Curylo from Chicopee directed the elementary choir in rhythmic, international songs from Africa, France, Germany, and Poland, as well as accompanying the high school choir.

Stirring drama scenes were interspersed with original choreography by Alicia Clink of Feeding Hills, who played Mary, alongside the ballet of Rebecca Kay of Simsbury, Connecticut, drew silent, breath-taking attention. Mrs. Kathryn Kay, history and English teacher, also listed this year in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers," assisted the cast in choreography.

Duets, trios, band, and choral presentations in the well-paced, two-hour Christmas presentation aesthetically blended the message, "Hearing the Sounds of Christmas."

During the intermission and after the program, donated gift items were sold to benefit Honduras hurricane victims and to provide scholarship assistance for PVCS students needing financial aid.

The non-denominational school is located at 965 Plumtree Road in the Sixteen Acres section of Springfield. The school's entire evening program, free and open to the public, illustrated the sounds of the first Christmas, and it was a sight to behold!

**REMEMBER, WE DO NOT PUBLISH BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S.** Our next edition will be published on Thursday, January 7th, and the deadline is Tuesday, January 5th, at 12:00 noon.

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## Cub Scouts Demonstrate Christmas Spirit...



KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON, Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 5's theme for this month was to "Do a Good Deed." The boys have been hard at work decorating bags that will carry Christmas dinner to recipients of "Meals on Wheels." The boys decorated over 160 bags. Great job, Den 5! Pictured with Den Leader Jeanne Lewis are Cub Scouts Lucas Zielinski, Michael Vazquez, Eric Knox, D.J. Nagel, Ian Lewis, Dan Paul, and Andrew DeChristopher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Mrs. Claus Visits Early Childhood Center...



EARLIER THIS MONTH, "Mrs. Claus" paid a visit to the children at the Agawam Early Childhood Center and told them that "Santa" is definitely looking forward to making his annual trip to Agawam and Feeding Hills.





## Sports

*Brownies Never Missed A Beat...*

### Girls Pummel 'Hamp In Hoop Season Opener

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The 1998-1999 version of Agawam High girls' basketball started last Friday night in the seasonal opener at Kibbe gym against Northampton High.

AHS never missed a beat, beating the Blue Devils in a game that was over early, 65-25. This is not really a team that is much different from the one of the past four years that featured Kristen Patterson as the all-everything point guard. Their offense was transition led by senior Barbara Maloni (29 points). Their defense was in-your-shirt (20 forced turnovers, 14 points off those turnovers).

Though the decent gathering of faithful might have thought the challenge wasn't there, Coach Lou Conte disagreed. "We got to see some kids play for us that really didn't play much in the past. And we shot the ball well (26 for 51 field goals - 50.9 percent)."

The Blue Devils started out in a semi-press, which starting point guard (junior) Kate Shannon easily broke with the help of Maloni and (senior) forward Melissa Cote. The Devils tried a zone trap, doubling down on Bertone-Gross when she got the ball. Things were barely working for them, however. And they found themselves down 7-2 with 3:40 gone.

Two quick drives by Maloni, one on a steal and another on a long outlet pass, gave the Brownies an 11-4 lead at the 10:55 mark.

The teams traded hoops for a time and it stood at 15-8 Agawam with 10 minutes left in the half. Then Maloni scored three straight baskets on three steals to make it 21-8.

#### Taking Advantage Of Opponents' Mistakes

With 4:50 left, Agawam, taking advantage of every Northampton mistake, led 27-12 with 3:10 to go. Part of that margin had to do with the quick defensive play of Shannon and Maloni. Maloni's offense couldn't be faulted, either. With 3:35 left and 18 points on the scorebook, Conte took her out. It was 32-12, Agawam, at the half.

Both clubs started out in man-to-man defense to open the second 16 minutes. The Blue Devils had been held scoreless since the 4:50 mark of the first half. They finally scored on a free throw with 1:20 gone to make it 41-13.

Maloni canned a trey at the 12:15 mark to make it 46-14. She drove for the bunny with 11:50 left to put her club up, 48-14. At that point, Conte sent in his second team.

Northampton got their first field goal since 4:50 of the first half with 9:40 left in the game. "We worked hard at our defense in this one," Coach Conte smiled.

Down the stretch, sophomore guard-small forward Liz Stieg (13 points) stepped up with three hoops, including a trey. The Devils tried a 1-3-1 zone. But it was obvious by then that they were already back on the bus. With 5:25 left, Agawam was up 60-21. They closed it out at 65-25 to go 1-0 on the young season. Northampton fell to 2-1.

**AGAWAM INDIVIDUAL STATS:** Malone (29 points, 10-17, including a 3, 58 percent, 8-12 fts, 66 percent, 4 rebs, 2 off); Stieg (13 pts, 6-9 fgs, including a 3, 66 percent, 3 rebs, 1 off); Bertone-Gross (10 points, 4-7 fgs, 50 percent, 2-4 fts, 50 percent, 5 rebs, 2 off); Tierney (4 pts, 2-3 fgs, 66 percent, 3 rebs, 1 off); Gendron (3 pts, 1-5, 3 pointer, 2 rebs); Cote (2 pts, 1-3, 33 percent, 1 rebs, 1 off); Shannon (2 pts, 1-2, 50 percent 6 rebs, 2 off); Benton (2 pts, 1-2, 50 percent).

**AGAWAM TEAM STATS:** FGS ATT - 51, MADE 26 AND THREE 3's (50.9); FTS ATT - 16, MADE 10 (62.5 percent); REBOUNDS - TOTAL, 31, 12 OFF; TURNOVERS - 13, POINTS ALLOWED OFF TO's - 0.

**NORTHAMPTON TEAM STATS:** FGS ATT - 34, FGS MADE - 9, 26 percent; FTS ATT - 17, FTS MADE - 6, 35 percent; REBOUNDS, 16, 9 OFF; TURNOVERS, 20; POINTS ALLOWED OFF TO's - 14.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Agawam went for every ball that was loose or on the floor. They tied it up whenever possible. "These kids, aside from Pia and Melissa Cote, are not tall. They'll have to be scrappy all season long to be successful," Conte noted. Former Brownies Kristen Patterson, Amber Conte, and Sarah Cote were in the stands cheering on the Brownies as each had a brief reprieve from their busy college hoop schedules (Patterson at AIC; Conte at Suffield U; Cote at WNEC).

## Strole Powers For 26 As AHS Boys Rally Past Greenfield

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Two different teams showed up for the Agawam High Brownie boys in their basketball game Monday night against visiting Greenfield High. Fortunately, the one that came out for the second half prevailed, leading AHS to a 59-53 victory as 6'5" senior Dave Strole fired a career-high 26 points.

The Green Wave is a rugged, tough team, and they showed it throughout the game. The Brownies had to step up if they were going to have any chance at putting one in the left-hand column. Both teams came out in a man-to-man defense and an up-tempo offense. The Brownies were a little sloppy at the start. They had four turnovers with 4:13 off the clock, but led 7-6.

At the 11:20 mark, the team suffered a major blow when senior forward Matt Albano stole the ball and drove the court for the Greenfield hoop. He was whacked on the way up, missed the bunny, and came down hard, injuring his left knee. He exited the game draped over the shoulders of trainer Dave Stratton and Marc Pedraza. Senior Eric Bodurtha replaced him.

Both teams jacked it up a notch after that, running the floor and trading baskets. With Agawam up 11-10 after a Pedraza layup, Greenfield switched to a zone in an attempt to slow things down. The Brownies were still in their man-to-man, pushing the ball up the floor. They were paying for their aggressiveness, however. Eight turnovers saw them down 20-15 with 5:59 left.

Joe Divirgilio, who'd been quiet for most of the first half, drained a three with four minutes to go and the Brownies were down 22-18. Greenfield, pounding the offensive boards (as it would do all game long - 16 offensive rebounds), opened its lead to 28-20 with 1:20 to go. Guard Dave Federico nailed a three at the one minute mark, making it 28-23. A Greenfield deuce gave them a 30-23 margin at the half.

Greenfield came out shooting to start the second 16 minutes. With barely a minute off the clock, they stormed the Agawam zone, put up four

straight shots, got two of them back, and produced four points on two different rebounds. Then junior guard Billy Thomas popped a three (he would have three of them on the evening) to make it 35-23 with 1:40 gone.

#### Brownies Roll Into A Zone

The Brownies rolled into a zone in an attempt to keep the Wave, which had five offensive boards with three minutes gone, off those boards. Greenfield went up 37-27 at the 12:10 mark, despite the Agawam defensive effort. Albano had come back in, his knee heavily taped. He tried to contribute, but when he got the ball and made a move at the top of the key, the knee buckled and he went down again and out again, this time for good.

At that point, Agawam was in some serious trouble. They had only four points, a 10-point deficit on the scoreboard, and the Wave had been cleaning the glass to the tune of 10 offensive rebounds.

To make things worse, Greenfield was pressing on defense, thus hampering Agawam's efforts to push the ball up the floor. The Wave was up 42-33 when Pedraza (15 points) hit a deuce, got fouled, and canned the charity shot to make it 42-36. Greenfield backed into a 1-3-1 zone and that might have been a fatal mistake. Coach Gary Grumoli had read his club the riot act at halftime. They were waiting for an opportunity to make a move and this was it. Junior Joe Stellato launched from three-point land with 6:10 left. The ball rattled around and fell through, making it 42-39, Greenfield.

#### Showtime For The Brownies

Then it was showtime for Brownie Strole at center. He got two off the offensive boards, rebounded down the other end, and got two more on the Agawam offensive break to put Agawam up 43-42. With 4:15 to go, he had eight of his points plus four rebounds, two of them offensive. He nailed a deuce in the paint at the 3:59 mark to make it 45-42. Agawam.

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# Quietly, Melissa Cote Assumes Key Role For Brownie Girls Hoop In 1998-1999

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

One of the reasons the Agawam High girls' basketball team has enjoyed so much success over the past four years has to do with Melissa Cote. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about her days at AHS.

Melissa turned 18 on December 4th. She has spent her four years of secondary education at AHS. Currently she is taking physics, advanced math, English, child development, and is the sports editor on the yearbook staff. Her favorite teacher, as he seems to be for many of the students I talk to, is physics instructor Arthur Gage.

At the moment, she has no particular college in mind. "I'd like to go somewhere, but not too far from home. Wherever I go, I hope to play basketball," the six-foot forward said.

Melissa participates in three sports at the High School - soccer (halfback), basketball, and track (she's a two-mile). Basketball is her favorite.

Her most memorable sports moment? "Beating Minnechaug (two-time Western Mass. and State Division I champs) last year at our place in the final game of the regular season," she said without hesitation.

Minnechaug would go on to become the state champs. Agawam never had a chance to meet them in the Western Mass. finals because of an upset loss to West Springfield in the tournament's semi-finals.

## Potential To Do A Lot

Melissa has this observation on the current basketball season. "We have the potential to do a lot. If we practice hard, play hard, and want to win, things will work out."

On playing without the graduated point guard Kristen Patterson, she noted, "We've adjusted to Kristen not being here to run the offense. She was a great player. All of us will just have to step it up a notch."

Melissa will be needed this year to score from both the inside and from the perimeter where she

possesses a textbook-type shot. She is also a fine ball handler and will help break the press. Last year, she scored 25 points in one game and had 19 in another. She averaged seven points per game in 1997-1998.

Her favorite food is cheese pizza.

Blue is her color of choice.

Melissa has a favorite car. "It's a Volkswagen Bug, one of the new ones," she laughed.

Larry Bird is her top sports personality. She likes the UCONN men's and women's basketball teams.

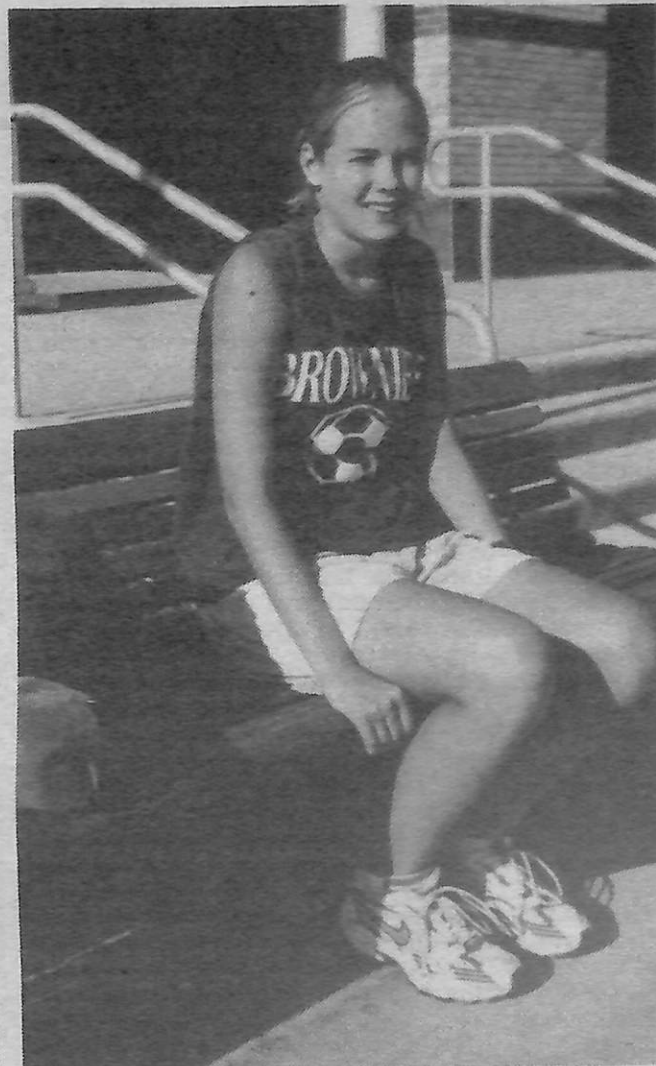
When Melissa wants to kick back and relax, she says it's anywhere with her friends.

The Dave Matthews Band is her favorite group. "Saturday Night Live" is tops on the tube for her.

Melissa's mom's name is Jackie. Harold is her dad. She has three siblings: Jennifer, who is 21 and a senior at Bentley College in Waltham; Sarah, a former Agawam High basketball standout and a sophomore at Western New England College, where she is a starter on their women's basketball team; and Brian, a sophomore at the High School and a member of the wrestling squad.

Melissa looks up to her parents. "They've done so much for me. I can talk to them about things. My dad has taught me everything I know about basketball," she smiled.

Soon she'll graduate. How would Melissa like



**FORWARD MELISSA COTE**, a senior on the Agawam High girls' basketball team, will play a key role this year as the locals attempt to recapture the Division I Western Mass. title.



MELISSA COTE

## BOYS' BASKETBALL - from Page 41...

The big guy had his team on a roll and his efforts were contagious. Pedraza nailed a trey with 3:15 to go, making it 48-42, Brownies. After a Greenfield hoop, Strole went to the line and hit two free throws (he would nail 10 charity shots in a row down the stretch).

But Greenfield would not go away. A three saw them get it to 50-47. A Federico deuce was countered by another Greenfield three with 1:43 left, making it 52-50, Brownies.

Federico hit one of two from the line. Greenfield also hit one for two from the stripe as it labored to stay in the hunt. It was 53-51 with 1:10 to go when Strole crashed the offensive boards and got fouled. He hit both free throws, giving Agawam a 55-51 lead.

Strole was fouled again 15 seconds later and hit both ends of a one and one. There were now 40 ticks on the clock and Agawam led, 57-51. With time running out and Greenfield in a full court press, Bodurtha hit a cutting Pedraza with a nice bounce pass. Pedraza laid it in, giving Agawam a 59-53 lead and the win.

"We had to get tough. They had been pushing us around all the first half and part of the second. So, we pushed back," Strole said when it was in the record book. Then he added, "Coach told me at halftime that I had to step up, and I did."

Grumoli saw some good things in this game. "I think that second-half comeback showed a lot about the character of these kids. Now we have to work on keeping that intensity for an entire game," he stated. His Brownies are now 1-1 on the young season.

**BROWNIE STATS:** Strole (26 points, 8-12 fgs, 10-10 fts, 6 rebs, 4 off, 1 blk); Pedraza (15 points, 6-12 fgs, 1-3, 2-3 fts, 5 rebs, 3 off); Divirgilio (7 points, 3-10 fgs, 1-3, 2 rebs); Federico (6 points, 2-6 fgs, 1-3, 1-2 fts); Stellato (3 pts, 1-2 fgs, 3-pointer); Albano (2 points, 1-2 fgs, 2 rebs).

**AGAWAM TEAM STATS:** Fgs - 21-42, including four 3-pointers, 50 percent; Fts - 13-15, 86 percent; Rebounds - 15, 7 offensive; Turnovers - 15, opp points off to's, 8.

**GREENFIELD TEAM STATS:** Fgs - 23-51, four 3's, 45 percent; Fts - 3-4, 75 percent; Rebounds - 28, 16 offensive; Turnovers - 15 opp points off to's - 0.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** The JVs lost to the Greenfield JVs, 52-48. Tim Sullivan had 11 points. The JVs are now 0-2.

Matt Albano wasn't the only injury Monday evening. While practicing a routine, two Greenfield cheerleaders were hurt. One suffered a broken arm, the other a cut cheek and a possible dislocated jaw. Both were taken by ambulance to the hospital.

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## In Tri-Parish Bowling...

BC Retains Lead  
In Early December

On Monday, December 7th, the members of Boston College (11-1) in the Tri-Parish bowling league were probably not thinking about Christmas shopping, looking for that "perfect" Christmas tree, or whether they had been "naughty" or "nice" throughout 1998. Most likely, they were all smiles as they pondered the fact that, by the end of the evening, their team retained a three-game lead over its nearest competitor, St. Mary's (8-4).

In the meantime, Fordham and St. Anselm's were tied at 7-5; St. Louis and Georgetown were at 6-6 apiece; Catholic University was just shy of a .500 record with its 5-7 standing; Holy Cross and Notre Dame are at 4-8 each; and lowly St. Michael's is in the dark, dark cellar of the league with a 2-10 record (I guess images of gutter balls and not sugar plums are clouding the heads of this team's players).

At the conclusion of the first Monday of this month, the results of the matches went like this: Boston College defeated Holy Cross, 3-1; St. Anselm's didn't have to worry about Notre Dame, 3-1; St. Mary's totally dominated Georgetown, 4-0; Catholic University had its way with St. Michael's, 3-1; and St. Louis upended Fordham, 3-1.

"Richy" RICH SNYDER led the men on December 7th with a 162 single string and a 454 triple string, followed by GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (157 single, 379 triple), BILL "Black And Blue" GRAY (136, 375), ROGER "Rabbit" JOSEPHSON (148, 359), "Jolly" OLLY MULDER (126, 353), RON "The Don" MENARD (140, 348), and "Scary" LARRY AVERY (138, 326).

As for the ladies of the lanes, "Testy" BETSY CANNON was the top roller with her 115 single string and 322 triple string. "Go With The" FLO ROCHFORD (104 single, 306 triple) was in second place, and other impressive performances were turned in by "The Mighty" DEB POIRIER (113, 301), MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (105, 298), MARY "Not Larry" THOMAS (104, 299), "Sweet" CAROLINE COELLN (114, 296), and "Lean And Mean" JEAN BUONICONTI (103, 295).

## Maloni Fires In 32...

AHS Girls Don't  
Skip A Beat In  
Xmas Tourneyby Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team traveled the long road Monday afternoon up to Great Barrington for the Monument Mountain Christmas Tournament.

They beat Wahconah Regional, 55-35. Barbara Maloni burned the twine for 32 points. AHS only led 23-21 at the half and then team defense demolished the Warriors in the last 16 minutes.

The Brownies (2-0) made the trek one more time at presstime to play Monument Mountain in the championship round. Monument beat Longmeadow, 65-64 in overtime in the other game of the tournament.

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## Agawam Wrestling At Milford...

Brownie Wrestlers Place 3rd  
At Prestigious Milford Meetby Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

One of the most important early season wrestling tournaments is the one held at Milford High School in Eastern Mass. It's a chance for the invited teams to get a look at their teams under some serious competitive conditions involving some of the best squads in the state. Agawam was among the 10 teams in attendance last Saturday. The Brownies managed a third place finish among an elite top five which saw North Attleboro come in first, Milford take second, Natick, fourth, and Quabbin Regional, fifth.

Out of the 14 weight classes, Agawam had 12 wrestlers who scored points. Six placed, with four in the finals and two in the consolation round.

Coach Phil Tomkiel would have liked a higher finish, but understood where his team stands right now. "Even though we have some talented seniors, a lot of the kids are young and have never been test in big tournament situations, so this competition was very, very good for them competition-wise."

The 103's saw sophomore Eric Hogan in the draw for Agawam. Hogan won a match, but didn't place.

All-Western Mass. champ Dave Moore won in the 112-pound class. Moore, a junior and as tough as they come, had a tough time grabbing the 112 crown. He was behind in two of his matches during the afternoon, but fought his way out of trouble on his way to the victory.

Senior Bob Creanza wrestled in the 119's, but couldn't pick up any points.

Aaron Gilbert won a single match in the 125's. "Aaron wrestled very well considering he doesn't have much experience," Tomkiel said of the sophomore.

The 130's are perhaps the toughest class in all of high school wrestling, according to Tomkiel. Senior Ryan Gamache took a fourth there.

Senior Chris Wayte deserved better in the 135's. He was shooting for a pin in the consolation round, hit his opponent's knee with his mouth, and broke a front tooth in half. "We couldn't let him go on. So we forfeited the match," Tomkiel said. Wayte ended up with a fourth-place finish.

Junior Matt Quirk finished second in the 140's. "It was a good tournament for Matt. This was his first big meet," the coach observed.

Senior co-captain Mark Engleman, an All-Western Mass. performer last season, took a second in the 145's. He lost by a single point in the championship match and was on his way to a pin when time ran out on him.

All-Western Mass. (senior) co-captain Adam Blair took the title in the 152's on a decision. "Adam has a great takedown move and a great attitude. He didn't have much of a problem today," Tomkiel smiled.

Senior Scott Murphy wrestled in the 160's. He didn't place, but did win a match.

John Weinle didn't place in the 171's, which was a mild surprise for the talented senior.

In another mild surprise, senior Justin Petrangelo failed to win a match in the 171's.

Eric Pedersen didn't place. But the junior did win a match in the 215's.

Eric's brother, Justin, who is just a freshman, won a match in the heavyweight division. "This was his first tournament and his first varsity start. Considering all that, Brian showed well," Tomkiel noted.

The lessons the kids learned from this tournament will be worth remembering. "We'll see how they practice this week and how their work ethics are. They finally got a chance to see the concepts we've been trying to explain to them put into practice in the form of some very tough competition," Tomkiel said.

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# Despite LeClair's Four Goals, Falcons Storm Past AHS, 10-5

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The last time Agawam High and Minnechaug Regional met on ice hockey happened back at the end of last winter in the first round of the Western Mass. playoffs. The Falcons came away with a 6-3 win, thus sending the Brownies to an early exit from the tournament.

So, there might have been a bit of revenge on Agawam's mind when opening the 1998-'99 season against those same Falcons last Thursday evening at the Olympia. What they got was the short end of a 10-5 score in a game that looked like a move shown in fast forward. The Brownies, employing their usual aggressive style were perhaps a little too aggressive, which got them in trouble early on.

Minnechaug scored its first goal with 1:43 left off the clock on a hard slapshot from the left point. Despite some hard work by Brian Pagella, Tony Kosinski, and defenseman Brian Gilhooly, Minnechaug lit the lamp again with four minutes gone as the Brownie defense was caught up ice after a charge on the Falcon net. They got another one just over a minute later to make it 3-0.

The Minnechaug defense was playing well, disrupting the Agawam attack. The Falcons had no such problem on offense and showed it with a pretty play at the 6:43 mark. Falcon forward Jeremy Blais (three goals, two assists) took the puck in his zone, skated the length of the ice, and scored on a backhand flip from three feet out past Agawam goalie Derek Mercadante to put his club up, 4-0. With five minutes to go in the first period, Minnechaug scored again, thus upping their lead over the shell-shocked Brownies to 5-0.

"Yeah, we made some mistakes in the entire game, not just the first half. I can think of five goals directly attributed to mistakes we made," Coach Fran Pycko admitted.

They got one back with 4:18 left as sophomore forward Tony LeClair walked in from the left side

and wristed one into the Falcons' net. His effort (assisted by Tony Kosinski), one of four scores he would have on the evening, made it 5-1, Minnechaug.

As the period wound down, some good Agawam defense, led by Gilhooly, helped slow down the Falcons' rush.

## Showing Some Life On Offense

The Brownies, showing some life on offense, had another opportunity with a minute to go. Andy Radwanski had a shot on net from three feet out in the center of the crease. He was robbed on a great save by Falcon keeper Justin Eckhoff. Jason Malanson, Radwanski, and Pagella were on the attack when time ran out in the first period. Agawam had five shots on goal. Minnechaug came in with nine.

The second period was, for the most part, all Agawam, as it tightened up defensively and aired out their offense. LeClair scored his second goal of the game from Gilhooly with 4:33 gone, making it 5-2, Minnechaug. Things were getting intense.

A big melee in front of the Agawam net was turned aside by some good defense led by Adam Sprague. However, at the 10:25 mark, Minnechaug managed to send a slapshot by Mike Schmidt, who'd replaced Mercadante to start the second 15 minutes.

Down 6-2 with 8:21 left in the period, a Minnechaug penalty gave Agawam its first power play of the game. Pagella (junior forward) made the most of it, scoring on an unassisted slapshot with 7:40 to go. A little over a minute later with both teams at full strength, Kosinski sent a lead pass across the crease. LeClair was there to jam it home for the hat-trick and a 6-4 Agawam deficit.

Agawam had the best of it down the second period stretch. Malanson, Pagella, Radwanski, and LeClair were flying. With 3:10 left, a pass from freshman forward Mike Kosinski landed on

Pagella's blade. He twisted a wrist shot from 30 feet out on the right point. He had the open lower left-hand corner of the Falcons' net in his sights. The shot went wide by six inches.

A Brownie penalty with 1:47 left brought out the penalty-killing crew of Gilhooly, Sprague, Malanson, and Pagella. They played well, helped by a good glove deflection on a hard Falcons' shot at 1:20 and didn't allow a score. The second period ended 6-4, Minnechaug.

Agawam had seven shots on goal. The Falcons had seven. "We had three more good scoring changes that just came up short in the second period which could have turned the tide," Pycko noted.

But, the third period was all Minnechaug as it outscored Agawam, 4-1. A score with 1:48 gone made it 7-4, Falcons. Radwanski had a good chance from five feet out in front at 13:12. But Eckhoff came up with the save.

With 2:48 gone, the puck flew out of a melee in front of the Agawam net and skipped past Schmidt, who was screened on the play.

Down 8-4, the Brownies tried to mount a comeback. Ten seconds after the Falcons' score, LeClair got his fourth goal on a shot from 20 feet out on the right point off assists by Gilhooly and Mike Kosinski. Behind 9-5, Agawam would score no more. The Falcons would get number 10 with 34 seconds to go, making the final 10-5.

Agawam had seven third-period shots on goal for a game total of 18. Minnechaug got off eight shots and had a game total of 24.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Two of the Agawam players were involved in their first high school game ever; freshman forward Mike Kosinski and freshman defenseman Jason Callahan.

# Huge Comeback Gives Brownies 5-4 Hockey Win Over Holyoke

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

That worn-out, old Yogi Berra cliché must have popped into the Agawam High School hockey team's collective minds last Saturday afternoon in its game against Holyoke High up at the West Springfield Olympia.

It was indeed déjà vu all over again. Two days earlier, the locals were down early, 5-0, against Minnechaug before losing, 10-5. In this one, they went down 3-0 in the first period before storming back to beat the Knights, 5-4.

The Brownies started out with an instant power play. The Knights got called for tripping with only 27 seconds gone. They managed to kill the penalty despite some good efforts by Jason Malanson and Brian Pagella, who were in front of the Knight net, trying to stuff the puck past goalie Pete Chrzanowski.

With 4:50 gone, Tony LeClair walked in on the left side and fired point blank. Again the Holyoke goalie made the save. A minute later, the Knights incurred another penalty and Agawam had another man-advantage situation.

Then came a stretch where the Brownies would have seven shots on the Holyoke net in a span of five minutes. Among those putting on the pressure were Andy Radwanski, Dave Gusek, LeClair, and freshman Jason Callahan.

With 7:32 left, Holyoke got another penalty for holding. At that point, while Agawam was peppering their net, the Knights had only one shot because they'd been so busy playing on their heels with men in the box.

They managed to kill that penalty as well. Then the Brownies got one of their own — an interference call on Josh Sprague. The Agawam penalty killers (Radwanski, Malanson, Pagella, and Adam Sprague) killed it.

Both teams were flying at the 3:30 mark. The Knights made a charge with 2:30 to play and scored on a slapshot 30 feet in front that beat goalie Mike Schmidt (high left).

Twenty-eight seconds later, the Knights scored again. The Brownie were suddenly having trouble clearing the puck out of their zone. With 1:07 to go, Holyoke scored again for their third score in a span of 1:26 and a 3-0 lead, prompting Coach Fran Pycko to pull goalie Schmidt in favor of Derek Mercadante. The period ended, 3-0, Knights. Agawam had eight shots on net. Holyoke recorded six.

## The Brownies' Ugly Mood...

The Brownies came out in an ugly mood to start the second 15 minutes and cashed in with 1:24 gone on a score off the stick of LeClair, who stuffed it in from the left crease. Brian Gilhooly and Pagella got the assists. Despite some nice defense by the Brownies, led by Adam Sprague, Holyoke managed to score at the 12:36 mark, making it 4-1 in its favor.

Agawam came right back by buzzing the enemy net and, with 10:52 left, Pagella lit the lamp off a drop pass from LeClair from 20 feet in front. The score stood at 4-2, Holyoke.

Spurred by the good fortune, Dave Gusek, Malanson, and Mike Kosinski led a charge into the Holyoke zone with 8:50 to go. At 7:43, Radwanski went to the box for tripping. Malanson, Gilhooly, Adam Sprague, and Pagella went to work. With 6:40 left, a nice display of stick work and some nifty moves got Pagella into the crease for what looked like a sure goal. But a good save nullified the short-handed effort. The penalty Holyoke power play was killed and the score remained at 4-2.

The Brownies were back on the attack with 5:20 to go. LeClair scored on a wrist shot at the 5:07 mark off assists from Gusek and Gilhooly, making it 4-3, Holyoke. That's the way the second period ended. Agawam put 11 shots on net. Holyoke managed six.

## Brownies Answered The Call...

The third period saw the Brownies step up and answer the call. They were a man short due to a holding penalty on Radwanski at the end of the second period. Malanson, Pagella, Josh Sprague, and Gilhooly killed this one, too.

With 4:17 gone, the faithful saw the play of the game. Freshman forward Mike Kosinski, starting only his second varsity game, raced down the middle. Malanson was 10 feet behind him with the puck. Malanson made the head-man pass right on Kosinski's stick. He faked Chrzanowski to his knees and scored, tying things up at 4-4.

"Jay saw me open and made a great pass. I saw an opening to the goalie's right and shot for it. Luckily, it went in," Kosinski said afterwards.

Seventeen seconds later, Kosinski's older brother, Tony, grabbed a share of the spotlight. He took a drop pass from Malanson in the middle of the Knights' zone and drove the puck home to give Agawam a 5-4 lead.

For the rest of the way, both teams brought it up a notch. Agawam, however, playing some tough defense, killed two crucial penalties and managed to hang on for the win, thus evening their record at 1-1. Holyoke went to 1-1 as well in this league game. Agawam had eight third-period shots for a game total of 27. Holyoke chipped in with six for a total of 18.

"The game against Minnechaug and the game against Holyoke were like night and day. We were really nervous the other day. Today we managed to calm down, even when Holyoke went up by those three goals. I think that the difference between the two games was not getting into a panic situation," Kosinski noted.

**BROWNIE NOTE:** Junior forward Tony LeClair had two goals and an assist in this game. He now has six goals in two games this season, including his four against Minnechaug.

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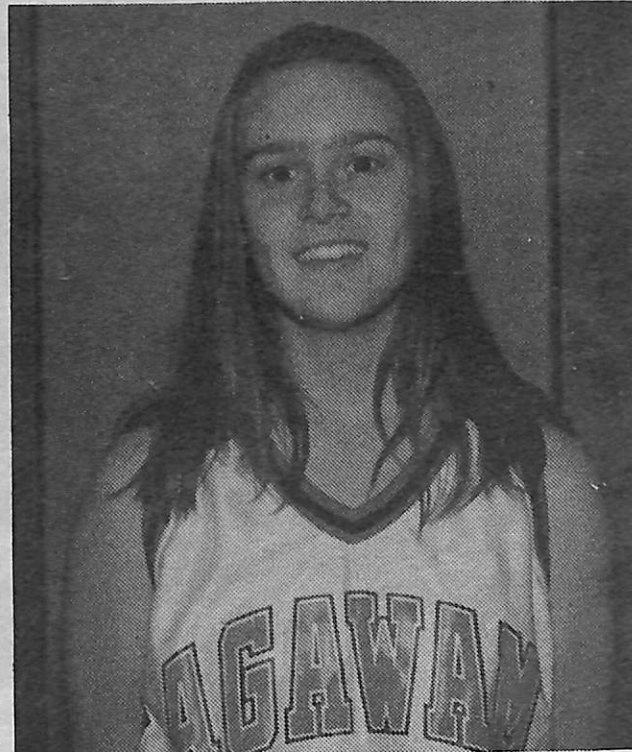




**SENIOR HEATHER HUGHES** received Second Team All-Western Mass. honors because of her defensive prowess for the Agawam High field hockey team.



**SENIOR EVA DONNERHACK**, an exchange student from Germany, also received Second Team All-Western Mass. honors due to her very strong midfield play for the Agawam High field hockey team.



**JUNIOR SHERI BENTON** was named Second Team All-Western Mass. for her defensive abilities as a sweeper for the Agawam High girls' varsity soccer team.

## Hughes, Donnerhack, & Benton Tabbed 2nd Team All-Western Mass. Players

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Three members of Agawam High School's sports teams received some recognition recently. From the field hockey squad, co-captain **Heather Hughes** and **Eva Donnerhack**, both seniors, were named to the All-Western Mass. second team.

"Heather is a bright and motivated girl," Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner said of the midfielder/defender.

For her part, Heather, who had no goals or assists but played brilliant defense, said she wasn't all that surprised about making the All-Western Mass. team. "I played my best field hockey on defense. I'm glad someone noticed," she smiled.

Heather was also named to the All-Southern Conference team. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

For a while she was interested in Quinnipiac College, with an eye towards playing field hockey in college.

But now she has turned her attention to Syracuse and UMass. "They have big field hockey programs at those places, so I don't know if I'll play at either of them," she noted.

**Eva Donnerhack** is an American Intercultural Program (AFS) student from a town just outside Dusseldorf, Germany. "Field hockey is very big in that part of Europe, that's why Eva was so skilled on defense," Warner said.

"I almost cried when I heard I'd made the team," Eva said. She had two goals on the season. She noted that back in Germany the game is played on a smooth, turf-like surface. Playing over here, on mostly grassy fields, she says, includes bumps and depressions that make tracking and hitting the ball difficult.

She will graduate next June and return home. She still has two more years of secondary education to deal with when she gets back. "I'll be able to continue my field hockey career for a while

longer," she said. Eva also made the All-Southern Conference team.

**Sheri Benton** was named to the girls' All-Western Mass. soccer second team. "I thought I had a chance to be named to the team. When I found out, I was both excited and honored," she smiled.

Sheri scored a goal and had two assists and was a defensive specialist. "I'm sure that's why they picked me. I played defense for eight years in the Pioneer Valley. I know that aspect of the game from that perspective and I love playing defense."

The senior is an honor roll student with a GPA of 93. She hopes to be named to the National Honor Society this year. Currently, Sheri is a guard on the Agawam girls' basketball team. Her hustle coming off the bench helps the defense take the starch out of opposing offenses.

## Clarification Regarding Coach Mary Murray

In this space two weeks ago, it was reported that Agawam High girls' varsity soccer Coach Mary Murray would not have her contract renewed by the Agawam School Department.

There were two points that need further clarification in this story concerning the reasons she will not be retained as the girls' varsity coach.

First, she violated School Committee policy by using inappropriate language at one practice (one word) against the **entire team**, all 21 players, and not against just one player as reported. One of Murray's players in turn went home and reported this to her parents and it was then reported to Murray's superiors at the High School.

Second, it was reported that Murray was suspended for three days prior to the start of the 1997 season because she handled some money for players who were participating in the summer soccer program.

Murray told us she was suspended for violating a Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) rule which forbids high school coaches from being involved with their players during the off-season (in Murray's case, the summer soccer program).

According to her, she was trying to raise a small amount of money by selling t-shirts to benefit the individuals who put their time and energy into the summer program.

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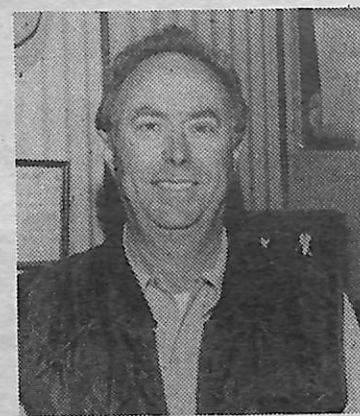
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## Agawam Race Driver Tom Fearn Basks In Glow Of Great 1998!

From the day of the first race of the 1998 season (The Spring Sizzler) at Stafford Motor Speedway to the Fall Final, Agawam auto racer Tom Fearn chauffeured his sleek Porter & Chester-sponsored number 92 race car to six wins and 13 top-10 finishes in 16 races.

Going into the Fall Final, Fearn led by only six points over Chuck Docherty, a nearly Agawam resident and friend.

Crowned three-time Pro Stock Champion, Fearn

commented on his "Dream Year":

"First time winning the first race of the season"; "first time voted 'Most Popular Pro Stock Driver'"; and "first time to set fast time" at Riverside Park Speedway on October 31st.

In addition to these firsts, Fearn also left impressive marks in Stafford Motor Speedway's record books: six wins in a racing season; three-time Pro Stock champion (1993, 1995, and 1998); and 16 wins during his career at Stafford Motor

Speedway.

Fearn enthusiastically thanks his sponsors, his hard-working and supportive crew, his wife Sue, his many fans, and family.

He is a brother of Diane Stoddard, a national roller-skating champion who will be honored as a three-time gold medalist in the spring.

Fearn and his racing team will long remember 1998 as their "Dream Year."

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## Agawm Piranhas Tie Northampton In Race On December 12th

The Agawam Piranhas swim team tied with the Northampton team on December 12, 1998 at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

### Girls 8 & under:

Taryn Dooley, first in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Kathryn Malone, Stephanie Scavotta, Jennifer Golbach, and Taryn Dooley, first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; the team of Nicole Bouley, Nika Settembra, Stephanie Walker, and Sarah Torrey placed third.

Ashley Nicoli, third in 25-yard freestyle; Stephanie Scavotta, first, and Krystinia Albano, second in 25-yard backstroke; Taryn Dooley, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 8 & under:

David Dominik, second in 25-yard butterfly; Andrew Ardolino, second in 50-yard freestyle and first in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 9-10:

The team of Brittany Gutowski, Johannah Kos, Tammy Gorman, and Julie Gorman, first in the 200-yard medley relay; the team of Katelyn Iacolo, Tara Walker, Caitlin Hurley, and Meghan Henry placed third.

Julie Gorman, second in 100-yard individual medley; the team of Katelyn Iacolo, Angela Virella, Allison Nyman, and Caitlin Hurley, second in the 200-yard freestyle relay; Johanna Kos, first, and Brittany Gutowski, second in 50-yard freestyle; Tammy Gorman, first in 50-yard butterfly; Allison Nyman, second in 100-yard freestyle; Brittany Gutowski, second, and Tammy Gorman, third in 50-yard backstroke; Johannah Kos, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 9-10:

Adam Deliefde, second in 50-yard freestyle; Anthony Ardolino, second in 50-yard butterfly, first in 50-yard backstroke.

### Girls 11-12:

The team of Jessica Lalli, Abriana Spagnoli, Angela Vinton, and Kaitlin Bond, second in the 200-yard medley relay; Jillian Kos, first in 200-yard individual medley; Jessica Lalli, first, and Meredith Golbach, second in 200-yard freestyle; Katie Gorman, first in 50-yard freestyle; Abriana Spagnoli, second, and Meredith Golbach, third in 50-yard butterfly; Angela Vinton, second in 100-yard freestyle; Jessica Lalli, first, and Katie Gorman, second in 50-yard backstroke; Jillian Kos, first, and Kaitlin Bond, third in 50-yard breaststroke. The team of Jennifer Clark, Meredith Golbach, Jillian Kos, and Katie Gorman placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

### Boys 11-12:

Connor Dooley, first in 200-yard individual medley; Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 200-yard freestyle; Erik Deliefde, first, and Kyle Henry, second in 50-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 50-yard butterfly; Matthew Gendron, first, and Kyle Henry, second in 100-yard freestyle; Erik Deliefde, first, and Connor Dooley, second in 50-yard backstroke; Alex Bakhared, first, and Matthew Gendron, second in 50-yard breaststroke. The team of Connor Dolley, Alex Bakhared, Jeffrey Lagasse, and Erik Deliefde placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

### Girls 13-14:

Allison Morris, second in 200-yard individual medley; Brittany Theriaque, second in 200-yard freestyle; Allison Morris, second in 100-yard butterfly; Brittany Theriaque, second in 100-yard backstroke; Daveen Macsata, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 13-14:

The team of Matthew Hayden, Michael Lalli, Thomas Gorman, and Wayne Mitchell placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; David Torrey, second in 200-yard individual medley; Kyle Sullivan, second, and Paul Lagasse, third in 200-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Jason St. George, second in 50-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Matthew Hayden, second in 100-yard butterfly; Thomas Gorman, second, and Wayne Mitchell, third in 100-yard freestyle; Michael Lalli, second, and Paul Lagasse, third in 100-yard backstroke; David Torrey, second, and Kyle Sullivan, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Paul Lagasse, Jason St. George, Daniel Adamski, and Kyle Sullivan placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Steven Iacolo, Thomas Gorman, David Torrey, and Wayne Mitchell placed second.

### Girls 15-18:

Kaitlin Morris, second in 200-yard freestyle, third in 100-yard freestyle.

### Boys 15-18:

Nathan Adamski, first in 200-yard freestyle, first in 100-yard breaststroke.



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by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

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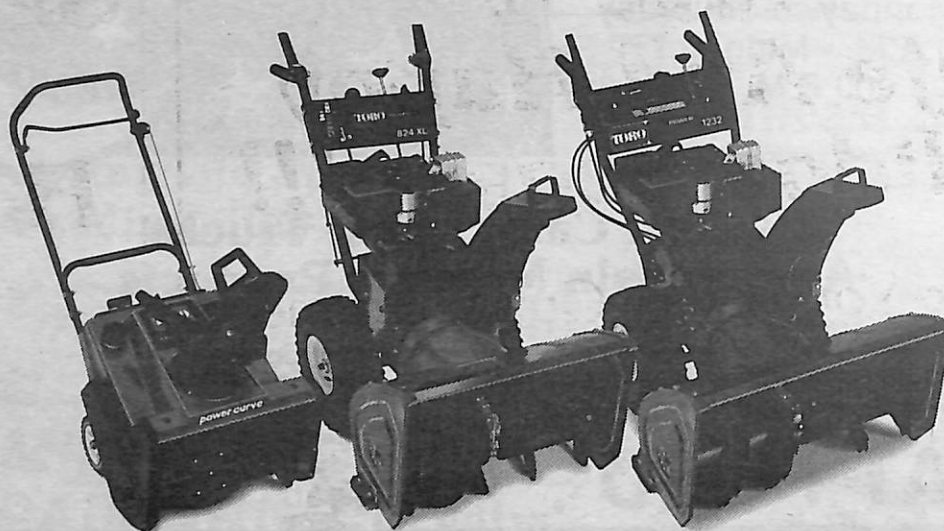
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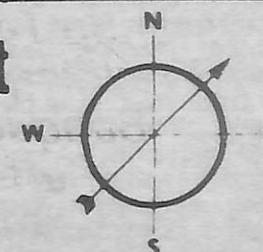
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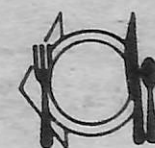
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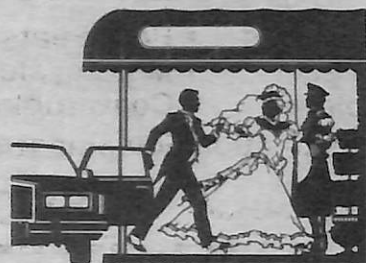
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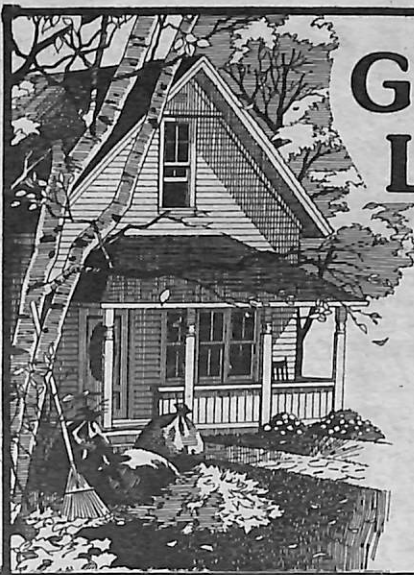
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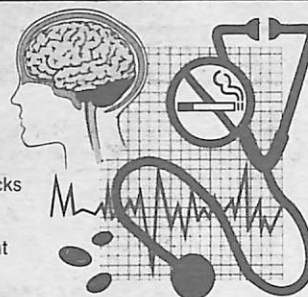
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